VIRGINIA FUNDRAISING April, 1949

Tom Byrd told me that the Richmond man named Sam ~~Wrey~~ Troy, white, has two stores in the colored part of town, has money and would help. Might be useful to us as a Board member.

cc: Agenda for Annual Meeting 1949

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1949 GSM 3/30/49

Leonard Haas says we should get Matt Warren on our Board

Trustees, June 1 & Sept. 1

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 1949 GSM (January, 1949)

Board of Dir.

Dr. Will said we should put Gordon Blackwell on our Board.

SRC- Board of Dirs.—
Membership

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. McKoy
FROM: Mr. Mitchell
RE: Board Members

Paul Williams turned his mind to suitable persons to put on the Board. We listed Mark Ethridge, Stettinius, the man Palmer of Kingsport, a Norfolk man—name not recalled, Arthur Raper, Judge Waites Waring, Jonathan Daniels.

I suggest Dr. Harry V. Richardson, new president of Gammon Theological Seminary here in Atlanta.

GSM:t

SRC - Board of Directors - Membership

October 4, 1948

TO: Dr. Mitchell
FROM: MPrice
RE: Dr. Harry V. Richardson

At the meeting of the Negro Advisory Committee today you suggested that Dr. Richardson would make a good Board member for SRC. You asked me to remind you to check on his availability and discuss his appointment with others.

MP

(Name suggested to Mrs. McKoy 10/6/48
met)

Washington

October 28, '49

Dear Forrester,

Don't know how I slipped, but Mrs. Hamilton **is** a Board member, in good standing till 1951.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 23, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Henry Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

In my last communication I sent you copies of biographical material on all members of the Executive Committee excepting Monsignor McNamara. Material has now been sent in for him, too, and I now send it along to you with copies to your committee.

It now appears that there will be at least one certain vacancy to be filled on the Executive Committee come November. In all likelihood our counsel, Mr. Haas will become an ex-officio member of the Committee. As you will see by the minutes when you receive them the Committee voted at its last meeting to request this action of the Board so that the counsel's advice will always be immediately available in any deliberations and so that he may not be lost to the Committee through rotation in his Board membership. If any other vacancies loom between now and the meeting I will of course advise you.

I do hope you have had a pleasant summer. With all good wishes,

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AMC:nh
Enclosure
cc: Mrs. Spearman,
Mr. John Griffith
Mrs. Lillian Jackson

ROUGH DRAFT
6/15/59

Not Sent

Dr. Forrester B. Washington

Dear Forrester:

I don't think your decision to resign from the chairmanship of the nominating committee and from the committee, but I assume that the Executive Committee, when it meets on August 31, will perforce agree to it.

I will lay your letter before them at that time and they can act on that, and also your recommendation of Mrs. Spearman as chairman.

I am writing Mrs. Spearman, as enclosed.

You have been and are a good friend straight along.

Sincerely,

GSM

March 25, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Henry Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee on March 16, the nominating committee of the Board for bringing in nominations to the Executive Committee were chosen by the Executive Committee as instructed by the meeting of the Board in November. You were named as chairman of this Nominating Committee and other members of the Committee chosen are: Mr. John Griffin of Emory University, Miss Florence Sytz of the Tulane School of Social Work, Dr. Luther Jackson of Virginia State College, and Mrs. Alice Spearman of Newberry, South Carolina.

I do hope that you will find it possible to serve as chairman of this Committee. It is a very important one and your choice by the Executive Committee is an expression of their very high esteem. May I not hear from you?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

MRS. McKOY

November 3, 1948

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
247 Henry Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

Mrs. McKoy and I have talked about your letter of November 1, for which thank you.

I got a letter from John Griffin yesterday saying he thinks there is almost no chance that he will get here and that, in general, whatever the other members of the committee decided was all right.

We have heard from Mrs. Spearman that she is going to come.

Josephine Wilkins is a member of the Executive Committee who has industriously attended and has given much thought, between Board meetings as well as at meetings, to the problems and needs of the Council. I suggest that you, as chairman, get in touch with Josephine and ask her to serve with you and Mrs. Spearman as the nominating committee to pick members of the Executive Committee.

I will be glad to advise, but it seems to me that the decisions ought to come from the committee.

Everybody on the Executive Committee is good. Everybody has an acceptable attendance record except P. B. Young and Carter Wesley. Wesley's problem is distance and P. B. Young's problem has been illness. Paul Williams has lately talked with Mr. Young, who

continues his close interest in the Council. In any case, his membership on the Executive Committee is by virtue of his office as vice president of the Council.

We will arrange a luncheon table for you and the committee.

We all appreciate your care and thought about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

October 28, 1948

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
373 Fulton Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

As the standing committee of the Board of Directors of the Council for 1948, you and your committee on nominations have the task of bringing in to the Board of Directors, at their meeting on November 11, nominations to the Executive Committee of the Board. The present membership of the Executive Committee is as follows:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Charles Gillman
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dr. Charles S. Johnson (Chairman)
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

The nominations will be acted upon at the Board meeting November 11, which will be a meeting of the Board as altered by the new elections to it at the annual meeting November 10. The present membership of the Board is given on the back of the enclosed small leaflet about the Council. We, of course, do not know who the new members of the Board will be but, for your information, the following are being mentioned to the committee which will bring in nominations for Board members as possible replacements of present members whose terms of office have expired during 1948:

Mr. Mark Ethridge, Editor, Courier-Journal & Times, Louisville, Ky.
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius, Corp. Executive, Charlottesville, Va.
Mr. E. W. Palmer, Pres. Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn.

(continued on following page)

(continued from preceding page)
Dr. Arthur Raper, Dept. of Ag. Economist, Box 72, Rt. 2, Vienna, Va.
Judge J. Waties Waring, 61 Meeting St., Charleston, S. C.
Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor, Raleigh News & Observer, Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. Harry V. Richardson, Pres. Gammon Theological Sem., Atlanta, Ga.
Pres. Clyde Milner, Guilford College, Guilford, N. C.

You will doubtless recall that your committee was also asked to bring in nominations for officers of the Council, who are elected annually by the Board of Directors. Current officers are as follows:

Mr. Paul Williams, President
Mr. P. B. Young, Vice President
Mr. Carter Wesley, Vice President
Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Vice President
Dr. Harold Trigg, Vice President

Should you and your committee wish to be together during the luncheon hour on the day of the meeting, I shall be glad to arrange it for you. Please write us if we can help in any way.

The language in the minutes and in the by-laws relevant to your committee is given in the attached sheet.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, I am

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:t

cc: Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman

From the meeting of the Board of Directors, November 11, 1947:

"Miss Wilkins proposed that the business of confirming or electing members of the Executive Committee, and any or all members on the Committee, according to the by-laws, be taken up in the Board meeting following the Annual Meeting. This was agreed upon by the members."

From the meeting of the Board of Directors, November 12, 1947, 4:15 P.M.:

"The chairman also reminded the Board that it would be desirable to elect a standing Nominating Committee of the Board to serve for a period of one year and to bring in Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Board. These nominations would be limited to members of the Board. The following nominations were received:

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Eugene Spearman

"On motion made and duly seconded,

7. "IT WAS VOTED that this group be accepted as the Nominations Committee to bring in to the Board nominations for members of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Washington be named as chairman of the Committee.

"On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

8. "IT WAS VOTED that the committee of three bring in the nominations for the officers of the Council. 1/ "

"1/ The Council's officers - President and Vice-Presidents, are elected annually by the Board."

From the by-laws, ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES:

"Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and the Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All

action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. "

. . .

"Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies."

Standing Nominating Committee: FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 8, 1947

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you of your election, at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 12, as Chairman of the Standing Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, for the nomination of members of the Executive Committee a year hence.

We are very happy to welcome you as member and chairman of this important committee, and sincerely trust it will be possible for you to serve. Members of your committee are as follows:

Mr. John Griffin, 1426 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. Alice Spearman, "Algene Acres", Newberry, South Carolina.

For your information we are attaching a list of the Board of Directors from which members of the Executive Committee are drawn. This list shows date on which the terms of all Board members expire, and indicates by asterisk those who are currently members of the Executive Committee. Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of service.

With every good wish for the holidays, and for the year that follows, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

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August 2, 1949

Mr. Aubrey Williams
Southern Farmer
Montgomery 1, Alabama

Dear Aubrey:

I am sorry that you find it desirable to resign from the Council and from the Board.

I suppose I can myself accept your resignation from the Council, but the Board itself will have to act on your resignation from it. The Board will meet in November.

I shall continue to admire you and to feel a warm friendship for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC - Bd. of Dirs. - Membership

SOUTHERN FARMER
MONTGOMERY 1, ALABAMA

AUBREY WILLIAMS
PUBLISHER

July 28, 1949

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear George:

Because of my very great personal attachment for you and all the years we have worked together, it makes me sad to write you this letter, but I feel in fairness to all parties concerned that I should resign from the Southern Regional Council. I am not worth anything to you because my heart is not in it and you would be much better off with somebody else on the board who really believed in the kind of thing that you are doing.

My trouble is, as you know, that I do not feel that the Council goes far enough and that its position is an equivocal one. It is not that you don't do a great many good things because you do, but George I feel that to refuse to take a position against segregation is to condone the major evil out of which all these other problems grow.

I know you are not in favor of segregation but the fact that the Council will not take a position on this matter is something that I simply cannot forgive. I hope we can both be true to the Jeffersonian principle that no difference of political or religious opinion should be the cause of the disruption of a friendship.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey Williams

Aubrey Williams

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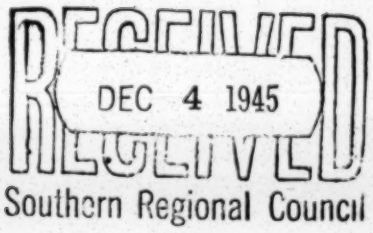
MONTGOMERY 1, ALABAMA

AUBREY WILLIAMS
PUBLISHER

December 2, 1945



Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I am very happy to accept membership in the Council, and to its Board of Directors.

I have long admired the work of the Council, and shall be most happy to be closer to its programs and to give any help that is within my power.

Sincerely yours

Aubrey Williams

Aubrey W. Williams
Publisher.

SRC Board membership

November 20, 1945

Mr. Aubrey Williams
12 North Lawrence Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Williams:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

For your information, the Board holds two regular meetings annually. One of these is held on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and the other is held immediately on the adjournment of the annual meeting. The time of the annual meeting is the second Wednesday in November. Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

I believe that you are somewhat familiar with the purposes and activities of the Council, but in order to bring you up-to-date I am sending you a package of Council publications. The enclosed invitation to membership contains a brief statement about the work of the Council. If there is any further information which you would like to have, won't you please let me know.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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SRC Annual Meeting

GENERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION--THE METHODIST CHURCH
A WORLD SERVICE AGENCY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
JOHN Q. SCHISLER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATHANIEL F. FORSYTH, ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ADULTS
M. LEO RIPPY, DIRECTOR
ROBERT S. CLEMMONS
DORIS P. DENNISON
VIRGINIA STAFFORD
HORACE W. WILLIAMS
810 BROADWAY—P. O. BOX 871
NASHVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

October 26, 1949

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am sorry that no one from this office will be in attendance at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council. We are following a policy of endeavoring to attend annual meetings. However, I think our schedules are filled at that time.

Thank you for the information. At another time we may be able to participate.

Sincerely,

Doris Dennison

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October 21, 1949

Miss Doris Dennison
Department of Christian Education of Adults
Methodist General Board of Education
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss Dennison:

You may perhaps remember writing us December 10, 1948, with inquiry about plans for the 1949 meeting of SRC.

I wrote you December 15 and told you the annual meeting would be November 9, 1949, and said I greatly hoped that people from your Board and Staff could come.

That is still the right date -- now getting much nearer. The annual membership meeting will be all day the 9th, in the Exhibition Room of the Library of Atlanta University, beginning at 9:30 in the morning.

We will greatly hope that you or some of your associates can be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mrs. McKoy

Southern Regional Council

12/16/48, 194

TO: Mrs. McKoy ☐

FROM: met

This material is referred to you for:

1. Information	( )	4. Reply	( )
2. Consideration	( )	5. Suggested Reply	( )
3. Recommendation	( )	6. Signature	( )

7. Please circulate to:

Director	( )	Sec'ty.-Treasurer	( )
Associate Director	( )	_____	( )
Pub. Relations Dir.	( )	_____	( )
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8. Please return to this office. ( )

9. Please return to secretary for filing ( )

COMMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS

You might want to hold this for action prior to next annual meeting.

GWM

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia
December 15, 1948

Miss Doris Dennison
Department of Christian Education of Adults
Methodist General Board of Education
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss Dennison:

We are delighted to have your letter of December 10. Unfortunately the next annual meeting of the Council does not come until November 9, 1949. If you will mark it on the calendar, we will greatly hope that representatives from the Board and its staff can come.

During 1948 we established in your state the Tennessee Division of the Southern Regional Council. Its officers and executive board are listed on the attached sheet. I have written the chairman and the secretary about your letter, and asked them to include your group in invitations for any forthcoming Tennessee meetings.

The Council has been having unusual success in the last few months in getting its pamphlets into the hands of people conducting discussion groups. I feel certain that your staff has a complete file of the pamphlets but, as a safeguard, I send along a list of them. Most of them are timely and, as you know, they have all been written with the temperateness and accuracy which should make them useful for serious adult education efforts. If we can be helpful to you in any way in this direction, please let us know.

Meanwhile, we are grateful straight along for the solid support which the General Board of Education gives us. Nothing is more hopeful in the South of today than the firm stand and effective work of the Methodist Church for what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t:nh
enclosures

copies to Mr. Alfred Mynders and Mrs. C.B. Smith

General Board of Education--The Methodist Church
810 Broadway, P.O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee
December 10, 1948

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

We are writing to ask what the dates for your annual meeting for 1949 are.

We wish to know, also, if persons, who are not members of your organization, are welcome in your annual meeting.

As members of a staff of Christion Education of Adults we recognize the importance of understanding the work of other agencies working with adults and the significance of correlating our work wherever possible.

We are considering the possibility of members of this staff attending annual meetings of agencies such as yours. We shall be glad to have information from you.

Sincerely,

Doris Denninson

DPD:jt:nh

Dictated but signed
in absence

copies to Mr. Alfred Mynders and Mrs. C.B. Smith

November 8, 1949

SRC - Exec. Ctte - Minutes - Agenda - 1949

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has met four times since the last annual membership meeting. These occasions were March 16, June 8, August 31, 1949, and this morning.

As particular items of business it:

Arranged the preparation of the new promotional pamphlet, "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

Provided a rule under which automatic vacancies in the Executive Committee might be expected to develop.

Discussed but ~~automatically~~ rejected for this year the desirability of holding annual meetings of the membership in some other city than Atlanta. The Committee has expressed a desire that as soon as possible such meetings be held in the upper South and in the Southwest.

Early in the year limited the Council's publication program, and requested that emphasis be put on selling the existing stock, rather than printing new ones.

Arranged for production of a brief advertising circular about our existing publications. This has lately been printed, and is available under the title "The Changing South in Print."

Selected standing nominating committees respectively for replacements on the executive committee and replacements on the Board of Directors.

Approved the arrangements under which the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations became a chapter of the Southern Regional Council.

Issued in its own name the policy statement to governors of southern states regarding appointments of Negroes to Boards and Commissions (printed in May-June New South).

Shaped a proposed amendment to the by-laws making it clear that associate members of the Council (resident outside the South) may not serve as members of the Board.

Needless to say, a very large part of each meeting was given over to finances. The Executive Committee canvassed every possibility and advised closely with President Williams and Dr. Mitchell in their fund-raising efforts. Various members of the Committee have given freely of their time and influence

toward obtaining funds for the Council. Personal contributions from members of the executive committee amount to nearly a thousand dollars, and sums raised on their direct solicitation would add another three or four thousand.

The Committee supervised the arrangements under which Mr. Thomas F. Byrd was engaged to conduct a fund-raising effort for the Council. The terms are considered favorable and your committee cordially recommends to the Board and to the members the fullest cooperation with Mr. Byrd toward raising in the near future a sustaining fund of a half million dollars for conduct of the Council's work in the coming ten years.

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Executive Committee

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1949 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, Library of Atlanta University

November 9, 1949

MORNING

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:33	Invocation
9:33 - 9:35	Dr. Clement, Our Host
9:35 - 9:38	Adoption of order of business. Adoption of rules
9:38 - 9:40	Minutes
9:40 -10:00	Opening Remarks by Pres. Williams
10:00 -10:30	Reports from the States
10:30 -10:40	Mrs. Tilly: Report on Southwide Women's Meeting
10:40 -11:00	Introduction of Staff Members Membership - Mrs. Carole Curry Publications - Mr. Harold C. Fleming Home Town Self-Survey Project - Mrs. Jane P. Simpson Advisory Committee - Mr. S. E. Nabrit Mrs. Henry Havens
11:00 -11:30	State Reports
11:30 -11:45	Finance Report
11:45 -12:00	Proposed program for 1950
12:00 -12:15	Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
12:15 -12:30	Interval

LUNCH: 12:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 1:45	Interval
1:45 - 2:20	Report from Board on finances - Mr. J. M. Tydings - Discussion
2:20 - 2:35	Discussion on Program, past and future Adoption of Budget for 1950
2:35 - 2:45	Report on Resolutions, and action
2:45 - 2:55	Changes in By-laws 1. To exclude associates from Board 2. To change By-laws, giving General Counsel ex-officio membership on Executive Committee.
2:55 - 3:15	Elections to Board of Directors - Led by Mrs. Hortense Young, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Membership
3:15 - 3:30	Other business
3:40	Adjournment
3:50	BOARD MEETING

PROPOSED RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SRC

November 9, 1949

No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

Speakers will state name and State.

All resolutions must be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
NOVEMBER 4, 1949

ASSETS

First National Bank	862.04	
Citizens Trust Co.	184.98	
Accounts Receivable	165.15	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		1,213.17

LIABILITIES AND DEFICIT

Accounts Payable	2,170.00	
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00	
Due State Divisions	395.59	
Withholding Taxes	249.00	
Southwide Meeting Church Women	184.98	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,499.57
DEFICIT		3,286.40-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFICIT		1,213.17

SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
NOVEMBER 4, 1949

Printing - Publications	1,607.42
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00
State Divisions	395.59
Withholding Taxes	249.00
Southwide Meeting Church Women	184.98
Office Supplies	146.58
Telephone and Telegraph	142.77
Rent	130.00
Printing	65.50
Salaries	35.00
Travel	30.53
Press Clippings	12.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,499.57

STATEMENT OF DEFICIT

DEFICIT 1-1-1949	12,156.72
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES	8,870.32
DEFICIT 11-4-1949	3,286.40

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
JANUARY 1, 1949 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1949

INCOME:	
Julius Rosenwald Fund	25,000.00
Contributions	7,662.30
Anonymous Donors	5,500.00
Catholic Sources	2,500.00
Sale of Misc. Literature	2,067.36
Dues	2,008.75
Methodist Church Contributions	1,850.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00
M. R. Ascoli Fund	500.00
Gen. Bd. of Education - Methodist Church	500.00
Sale of Soundscriber	300.00
New South Subscriptions	251.20
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00
Honoraria and Royalties	139.12
Province of Sewanee--Episcopal Church	100.00
Interest	75.00
Ashby Jones Fund	25.00
Kentucky Division, SRC	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	49,253.73
EXPENSES:	
Salaries	26,463.64
Printing of Publications	4,509.04
Travel	3,611.96
Rent	1,530.00
Postage	1,221.26
Office Expense	762.18
Telephone and Telegraph	629.56
Honoraria	430.00
Printing	372.08
Office Equipment	200.00
Books and Subscriptions	191.60
Press Clippings	133.80
Audit	125.00
Special Services	98.14
Insurance	41.44
Miscellaneous	35.13
Interest	20.00
Bank Charges	8.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,383.41
Excess of Income over Expenses	8,870.32
	49,253.73

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 1949 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Building and Loan Association	20,000.00
Contributions	7,662.30
Anonymous Donors	5,500.00
Withholding Taxes (withheld)	2,676.11
Catholic Sources	2,500.00
Dues	2,013.25
Loan - Citizens Trust Co.	2,000.00
Sale of Misc. Literature	1,967.36
Methodist Church Contributions	1,850.00
Southwide Meeting of Church Women	1,755.61
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00
Collections for State Divisions	1,495.09
Travel Refunds	618.45
Salaries Reimbursed	558.47
M. Ascoli Fund	500.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00
Gen. Bd. of Education - Methodist Church	500.00
Interest Earned	300.00
Sale of Soundscriber	300.00
New South Subscriptions	251.20
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00
Royalties and Honoraria	139.12
Office Supplies Refunded	133.95
Postage Refunds	132.45
Telephone and Telegraph Refunds	123.28
Province of Sewannee--Episcopal Church	100.00
Ashby Jones Fund	25.00
Kentucky Division SRC	25.00
Misc. Refunds	14.74
Refunds on Books and Subscriptions	12.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,5403.38
Balance in Bank 1-1-1949	204.15
	5,5607.53

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	26,987.11
Notes Payable	7,000.00
Travel	4,199.80
Printing - Publications	2,901.62
Withholding Taxes	2,678.31
1948 Accounts Payable	1,966.11
Southwide Meeting of Church Women	1,570.63
Remitted to State Divisions	1,534.21
Rent	1,400.00
Postage	1,353.71
Office Expense	749.55
Telephone and Telegraph	610.07
Honoraria	430.00
Printing - Stationery	306.58
Books and Magazine Subscriptions	203.60
Office Equipment	200.00
Audit	125.00
Press Clippings	121.60
Special Services	98.14
Executive Committee Luncheons	44.87
Insurance	41.44
Interest	20.00
Bank Charges	8.58
Refunds: Dues and New South	5.50
Miscellaneous	4.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	54,560.51
Balance in Bank 11-4-49	1,047.02
	55,607.53

SRC - Annual Meeting - 1949

November 12, 1949

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Clement:

It has been a yearly source of pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of Atlanta University at the membership meetings of the Southern Regional Council. This is to acknowledge again our continuing debt of gratitude to you and to the University.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

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Director Southeastern Regional Office

July 5, 1950

Mrs. Norma Huff
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Norma:

Having been present at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 9, 1949, at Atlanta University, and having read the copy of the minutes of this annual meeting, I hereby state that the minutes are a correct account of the annual meeting and are approved by me as one of the members in attendance at the meeting.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,

Arthur J. Levin, Director
Atlanta Regional Office

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LESTER H. PERSELLS
1083 BLUE RIDGE AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

6-9-50

Mr. Norman Huff,
Secretary - Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Huff,

Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Nov. 9, 1949. I attended the meeting and was highly pleased by its conduct and the reports given.

I have read the minutes and find them complete and accurate and approve them as requested.

Best wishes,

Lester H. Persells

CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

79½ POPLAR STREET, N. W.
~~75 IVY STREET, N. E.~~
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

LUCY RANDOLPH MASON
SOUTHERN PUBLIC RELATIONS
REPRESENTATIVE

June 9, 1950

Dear Mrs. Huff:

Enclosed is the copy of the Annual Meeting minutes, which I read as soon as received. I believe them to be correct and am returning them to you with the comment that I found the minutes to be correct.

Best wishes to the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy R Mason

SRC - Annual Meeting Minutes 1949

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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June 7, 1950

Mr. Lester Persells
909 Georgia Savings Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Les:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, November 9, 1949. They must be approved by three members in attendance at the meeting before they can be officially recorded in the Good Book.

As one who attended the meeting, will you be good enough to read the minutes and make corrections if and where they are needed? If you find them correct, return them to me with a statement that you have read and approved them.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Norma

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

November 9, 1949

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council was held on November 9, 1949, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library. President Paul D. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Following the invocation by the Rev. E. H. Harrison, and adoption of rules for the meeting, a series of state reports were heard.

The South Carolina and Florida reports were made respectively by Mr. J. M. Dabbs and Mr. G. D. Rogers. As the accounts did not vary greatly from those provided in the October, 1949, New South, they will not be detailed here.

For the Kentucky Division, Mr. J. M. Tydings described their work as that of strategists and coordinators of groups that would otherwise overlap. He spoke of the effectiveness of individual members of the Division in getting desirable legislation. Kentucky was the first southern university to admit Negroes into its graduate school. He thought that the University of Louisville, at the close of the pending court suit, would also open its doors.

For Alabama, Mr. W. R. Ragland reported briefly on efforts to improve educational facilities.

For Virginia, Mr. Emerson Smith listed among the gains the almost complete equalization of teachers salaries and the progress made toward equal school buildings, the desirable arrangement for nurses training at the medical college of Virginia, the general high esteem with which the Negro member of the Richmond City Council is held, the obvious growth of the liberal vote in the state as a whole, the appointment of nine election judges and fourteen Negro election clerks, the entirely interracial character of the Council of Churches and the now well established policy of two theological seminaries in the state to admit Negroes to graduate study.

For Texas, Mrs. James S. Crate described the activities of members of the Texas Interracial Commission on behalf of a broader franchise and of the anti-lynching

bill which was passed in a mild form. The Commission had been interested also in juvenile courts. Sub-committees have worked on interesting others in the state on social welfare and on political and civil rights. The Texas Commission hopes to employ an executive secretary. Monthly meetings of the local membership are being held in Houston. The San Antonio group is beginning a self-survey, using the Council's materials. Houston now has a short term police school and has increased the number of Negro policemen on the force to twenty-one. She described the Council on Education and Race Relations, composed of seven organizations including the Texas Interracial Commission. These groups work together and arrange several city-wide interracial meetings each year with attendance of a thousand or twelve hundred.

Opportunity presenting itself, President Rufus E. Clement welcomed the group to Atlanta University.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly for the Interracial Committee and for her own work on behalf of the Council as a whole, spoke of the efforts made to unmask the Klan in Georgia and of achievements of various of the local groups of the Georgia Commission. She reviewed the Southwide meeting of church women held in Atlanta and described the emerging work of the Fellowship of the Concerned. She said that it was to be expected that with considerable further work, a listing could be made of women willing in every county of the South to observe the work of their courts and law enforcement agencies and bring their influence to bear on equal justice and lessening of racial tension.

President Williams announced the standing Committees as follows:

Nominating Committee of Membership for Board of Directors:

Mrs. Hortense Young of Kentucky, Chairman,
Mr. Cyrus Johnson of North Carolina
Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells of Mississippi
Dr. E. B. Perry of Texas
Mrs. C. B. Smith of Tennessee

Nominating Committee of the Board for Executive Committee:

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Chairman
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Alice Spearman
Mr. Luther Jackson

Resolutions Committee:

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Miss Josephine Wilkins

As it had not been possible for any of the members of the nominating committee, of which Mrs. Hortense Young is Chairman, to be present, Mr. Williams appointed a temporary committee of which Miss Caroline Gillespie served as chairman.

After the various members of the Council staff were introduced, Mrs. Curry reported that the Council staff had taken on in the last year 682 additional members and had dropped 97 for non-payment of dues or other causes.

Harold Fleming reviewed briefly the publications program.

Mrs. Jane Simpson described the various home town self-survey projects under way and in preparation.

The Executive Director described the assistance given by the members of the advisory committee.

Mrs. Havens reported on her work as field secretary of Tennessee, Florida, and South Carolina, emphasizing the need for additional field work.

The detailed financial report was given by Mr. Henry Birnbrey in the absence of Mrs. McKoy who was ill. This report follows. The Executive Director provided some further analysis of the figures.

Mr. Paul Williams as president then addressed the meeting. He said that the South has for too long tried to maintain itself with defensive values. He urged a return to the positive "Southern traditions" of Jefferson, Mason, and Patrick Henry. The role of the Southern Regional Council, he said, is to work for these principles with "Christian charity and courage applied in the right place at the right time."

At the suggestion of several members including Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr. Gordon Hancock, and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, it was agreed that arrangements should be made for a wide distribution of Mr. Williams address.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

Upon reconvening at two p.m., Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, Associate Director, was intro-

duced. He discussed the Council's fund raising plans and emphasized that the sums needed could only be had through the closest cooperative efforts of members of the Board and of each individual member of the Council.

In discussing financial needs of the Council, Miss Caroline Gillespie suggested that many might be willing to give small sums. It was pointed out that the campaign conducted during late 1948 and the first half of 1949 for ten dollar contributions had indeed been very productive (netting over three thousand dollars) and on that account some reluctance was felt in asking the members to make additional contributions at this point.

At the suggestion of Miss Lucy Randolph Mason who urged the setting up of various classes of membership, it was moved and voted that several such classes be established.

The Executive Director in presenting the program for the coming year suggested that emphasis be placed on the work of the "Fellowship of the Concerned", on following through with Race in the News and obtaining the maximum improvement in the southern press on its handling of racial news, on civil rights, and on appointments and elections of members of minority groups to places of public trust. He went on to state that in his view, the most effective work on behalf of the Council's general program could only be done by vigorous state divisions and local chapters. He thought that the divisions would only reach real stature if they had sufficient means to employ part-time or full-time personnel. For his part, he said, if the Council had substantial additional means, an early priority should be arrangements with the various state divisions under which a sum of approximately one thousand dollars each could be made available to them.

Mr. Arthur Raper, reviewing his association with the work of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in the early 1930's, described with appreciation the broadening program of the Council today.

Miss Mary Jane Willett made suggestions under which the work of the Council's office might be divided into various projects, the several projects to be independently financed.

The Reverend V. J. O'Conner, present in the city for the meeting of the executive committee of the Catholic Committee of the South, was introduced and spoke of the friendly way in which the two organizations had been associated.

Mr. Marion Wright, as chairman of the resolutions committee, reported that no resolutions had been submitted to him but that his committee urged a rising vote of thanks be given to all those at Atlanta University that made the meeting possible. This was done.

Upon presentation by the Executive Director of possible changes in the bylaws, the following two changes were made by vote:

Section 1, Article 4 (insert language underscored:) conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, <u>all members of which shall be actually residing within the Council area</u>.

Section 1, Article 5 (insert language underscored:) seven members in addition to the President and Vice-Presidents <u>and Counsel</u>.

The meeting was informed that discussion had been held in the Executive Committee Meeting and the Board Meeting as to the desirability of arrangements under which members of the Executive Committee might be represented at its meetings by proxy. After discussion, the membership meeting rejected this device.

Miss Caroline Gillespie, as temporary Chairman of the nominating committee for members of the Board, brought in the following recommendations:

Dr. Glenn W. Rainey,	Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Alonzo Moron,	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mr. E. L. Abercrombie,	Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Baptist Church	Vicksburg, Mississippi
President Ralph D. Wellons	Pembroke, N. C.
Mr. Morris Abram,	Atlanta, Georgia
Father Vincent O'Connell,	New Orleans, Louisiana
Mr. Donald Comer,	Birmingham, Alabama
Mr. Charles Smith,	Arlington, Virginia
Mr. Paul Christopher,	Knoxville, Tennessee
Mr. James L. Coker,	Hartsville, S. C.
Mr. A. T. Butler,	Columbia, S. C.
Rabbi Charles Mantinband,	Florence Alabama
Miss Cassandra Maxwell	Orangeburg, S. C.

Upon motion, the following were elected:

Class of 1953 --	Mr. A. T. Butler Mr. J. L. Coker Dr. Glenn Rainey Dr. A. Moron Rabbi Mantinband Mr. E. L. Abercrombie Miss Cassandra Maxwell
Class of 1952 --	Mr. R. D. Wellons Dr. D. S. Haworth Father V. O'Connell Mr. Morris Abram
Class of 1951 --	Mr. Paul Christopher
Class of 1950 --	Mr. Donald Comer Mr. Charles Smith

Mr. Edward Harrison commented that although the publicity of the Council is improving, he thought the membership meeting merited greater press notice and suggested that for another year we arrange a mass meeting with a prominent speaker, etc. The president undertook that this would be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Gordon Hancock opened discussion on the recent events of Jefferson College at Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Philip Shulhafer, Mr. Philip S. Ogilvie and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames took varying points of view. The staff undertook to provide a considered statement of what had occurred.

Dr. Hancock pressed the idea of self-surveys and mentioned that Richmond, twenty years afterward, was still getting benefits from the survey made there.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

INFORMATION ON BOARD VACANCIES

I Those leaving the Board in 1948 (9) (9)

Charles Clingman - not reelected
H. D. Goode - not reelected
Z. A. Looby - not reelected
Jacob L. Reddix - not reelected
R. L. Russell - became ex officio
Thomas S. Staples - not reelected
Edgar B. Stern - reelected, but resigned
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong - not reelected
J. G. Stuart - not reelected

II Replacing those leaving (7)

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
P. B. Young, Sr.

III Those offered membership, but not accepting

Mr. Mark Ethridge
Judge J. Waties Waring
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius
Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Barry Bingham

IV Board members known to be resident outside the South

Dr. Ira DeA. Reid
Dr. Clark Foreman
Mr. Louis Burnham

V There are two vacancies on the Board in Class of '48 — now the Class of '52

VI Class of 1949 — 3 vacancies

Stanley Brav[1]
Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Hodding Carter
Rufus E. Clement
R. P. Daniel
Ernest Delpit[2]
W. H. Marmion
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Jacob R. Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Armand May
E. A. McDowell
L. D. Milton
Alfred Mynders
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Edwin A. Penick
John O. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers, Jr.
J. W. Seabrook
Mrs. Eugene Spearman
J. M. Tydings
Forrester B. Washington
Aubrey Williams — Resigned
Marion A. Wright

[1]resigned
[2]dropped

VII People suggested as possible Board members

Miss Cassandra Maxwell, Orangeburg, S. C.
Mr. A. T. Butler, Palmetto, S. C.
Mrs. E.V. Robinson, Cookville, Tenn.
Mr. Nat Warren - Rector All Sts -
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Alabama

For minutes file

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Membership

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TO MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR BRINGING IN NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Here are the members of the Executive Committee, as currently constituted, with individual record of attendance at meetings:

1949

	March 16	June 8	August 31	Nov. 9
Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman	-	Present		
Dr. Rufus E. Clement	Present	-		
Mr. C. H. Gillman	-	-		
Mr. Leonard Haas	Present	Present		
Mr. Gordon B. Hancock	Present	-		
Rt. Rev. T. James McNamara	Present	-		
Miss Josephine Wilkins	Present	Present		
Ex-Officio:				
Mr. Paul D. Williams	Present	Present		
Mr. John H. Wheeler	-	Present		
Mr. Carter Wesley	-	Present		
Dr. Guy B. Johnson	Present	Present		
Dr. Harold Trigg	-	-		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	Present	Present		

Members of the Executive Committee serve at the pleasure of the Board. The governing clauses from the by-laws are:

"Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and the Vice-Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors."

Background covering the creation of the standing committee of the Board for bringing in nominations for the Executive Committee.

From the minutes of the Board of Directors, November 11, 1947:

"Miss Wilkins proposed that the business of confirming or electing members of the Executive Committee, and any or all members on the Committee, according to the by-laws, be taken up in the Board meeting following the Annual Meeting. This was agreed upon by the members."

From the meeting of the Board of Directors, November 12, 1947, 4:15 P.M.:

"The chairman also reminded the Board that it would be desirable to elect a standing Nominating Committee of the Board to serve for a period of one year and to bring in Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Board. These nominations would be limited to members of the Board. The following nominations were received:

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Eugene Spearman

"On motion made and duly seconded,

7. "IT WAS VOTED that this group be accepted as the Nominations Committee to bring in to the Board nominations for members of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Washington be named as chairman of the Committee."

"On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

8. "IT WAS VOTED that the committee of three bring in the nominations for the officers of the Council. 1/"

"1/ The Council's officers - President and Vice Presidents, are elected annually by the Board."

From minutes of the Board meeting of November 11th, 1948:

"Dr Washington then recommended for the nominating committee that, during the coming year, the administrative officers give careful attention to the potential members of the Executive Committee and the potential roster of officers of the Council, having in mind also availability and willingness to accept office. He said that the nominating committee felt that it would be to the interest of the Council if through the year, the administrative officers would keep the nominating committee alerted. Finally, he reported the feeling of the nominating committee that the appropriate section of the by-laws be changed to show phraseology that would establish terms of office for the Executive Committee. They should be elected, the nominating committee thought, on some rotating plan, so that some members could be changed each year. These suggestions were made in order to make it possible for persons with new points of view to be added without embarrasing the nominating committee. As matters are at present, it was said, there is no way of bringing in new persons except as replacement for resignation."

"Miss Sytz made the point that unless the rotation was automatic, the original difficulty would still be present. Miss Wilkins recalled that as the Executive Committee is a creature of the Board, the terms of office of the Executive Committee were necessarily limited by their terms as members of the Board. She further pointed out that as the Executive Committee meets seldom, it needed people on it who were well informed.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, it was ordered that the suggestion of the nominating committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act. "

From minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of March 16, 1949:

3. "IT WAS VOTED that in order to assist a closer relationship by this nominating committee with the personnel and work of the Executive Committee, the following steps should be taken:

1. Minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee should be supplied to members of the nominating committee.

2. A review of the attendance record of members of the Executive Committee should be supplied to members of the nominating committee, and the Executive Committee should now formally recommend to the nominating committee that members of the Executive Committee who are absent from all meetings of the Executive Committee in the interval between annual meetings shall be dropped.

3. Biographical information about members of the Executive Committee should be so supplied. "

August 17, 1949

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Florida - 6

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Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach
Edgar W. Ray, Tampa
G. D. Rogers, Tampa
Mrs. Warren Zeuch, Vero Beach

Georgia - 21

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Miss Florence Sytz
Dr. Richardson

Some of these are ex-officio - ~~don't know which ones~~

Paul Christopher - instead of CH. Gillman

after - ann meet 1949 - C.S. Johnson's membership
1st meet Exec. 1950

Guy

INFORMATION ON BOARD VACANCIES

given Ref Comm - 8-31-49

I Those leaving the Board in 1948

Charles Clingman - not reelected
H. D. Goode - not reelected
Z.A. Looby - Not reelected
Jacob L. Reddix - not reelected
R. L. Russell- became ex officio
Thomas S. Staples - not reelected
Edgar B. Stern - reelected, but resigned
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong - not reelected
J.G. Stuart - not reelected

II Replacing those leaving

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr.
P. B. Young, Sr.

III Those offered membership, but not accepting

Mark Ethridge
Judge J. Waties Waring
Edward R. Stettinius
Jonathan Daniels
Barry Bingham

IV Board members known to be resident outside the South

Ira deA. Reid
Clark Foreman
Louis Burnham

V There are two vacancies on the Board

VI Class of 1949

Stanley Brav[1]
Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Hodding Carter
Rufus E. Clement
R. P. Daniel
Ernest Delpit
W. H. Marmion
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Jacob R. Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Armand May
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Forrester B. Washington
Aubrey Williams
Marion A. Wright

[1]resigned
[2]dropped

VII People suggested as possible Board members

Miss Cassandra Maxwell, Orangeburg, S.C.
Mr. A.T. Butler, Palmetto
Mr. Mat Warren
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Ala.
Mrs. E.V. Robinson, Cookville, Tenn.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 9, 1949

(by Carolyn Gillespie)

Class of 1949 (3) now 1953
Dr Glenn W Rainey
Dr. Alonzo Moron, President Hampton
E. ~~H. (?)~~ L. Abercrombie

Class of 1948 (4) now 1952
Hayworth - Miss.
Ralph RD. Wellons - Pembroke College
Pres Morris Abram
Vincent O'Connell

Dr. D Swan Haworth
First Bap. Ch
Vicksburg, Miss

Vacancies by by-laws changes (persons outside region not serving)
Donald Comer 1950 - Avondale Mills, B'ham
Charles Smith 1950
Mr. Paul Christopher 1951

Ex Officio Memberships 1953
Mr. James L. Coker (Hartsville),
A. T. Butler
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Miss Cassandra Maxwell ?

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Class of 1953
Dr. Glenn W. Rainey
Dr. Alonzo Moron - accepted
E.L. Abercrombie
Miss Cassandra Maxwell - accepted

Class of 1952
Dr. D. Swan Haworth
R.D. Wellons - accepted
Morris Abram - accepted
Vincent O'Connell - accepted

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Donald Comer - accepted
Charles Smith - "
Paul Christopher "

Ex-Officio Memberships
Mr. James L. Coker - accepted
A.T. Butler accepted
Rabbi Charles Mantinband - accepted

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Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

President Ralph D. Wellons, Pembroke, N. C.

Mr. Morris Abram, Atlanta, Georgia

Father Vincent O'Connell, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. Donald Comer, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. Charles Smith, Arlington, Virginia

Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. James L. Coker, Hartsville, South Carolina

Mr. A. T. Butler, Columbia, South Carolina

Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Alabama

Miss Cassandra Maxwell, Orangeburg, South Carolina

We had these vacancies

Class of 1949 (new 53)
5 not re-elected
2 resigned

Class of 1948 (new 52)
4
Class of 1950
2
Class of 1951
1

This is a total of 14

MET put
5 into 1953
5 into 1952
2 in 1950
1 in 1951
so, if we put one '52 guy into 53, that makes 6 in 53, and 4 (correct no. in 52). Still leaves one vacancy in 1953, into which we can put Cassandra Maxwell, and all is Jake.

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL

It is uncertain, from the carbons, whether E L Abercrombie was put into class of 52 or 53. There were four vacancies in 52, and five may have been put in it. Only one as to whom is uncertainty is abercrombie. So, if need be to straighten out, we could call him, and definately move him from 52 to 53.

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ACTIONS ABOUT BOARD MEMBERS 1949 annual meeting.

We dropped as members of the Board the following members of the class of 1949:

E P Daniel
Jacob R. Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Alfred Mynders
J. M. Tydings

additionally, of this class, there d resigned in 1949
J. W. Seabrook
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
Aubrey Williams

(we assumed that Tydings, Mynders, and Daniel would continue as Board members ex-o icio, as head of State Divisions.)

Of the class of 1951, Clark Foreman resigned shortly before Nov. 9, '49 mtg.

We dropped Ira Reid (class of 1950) and Louis Burnham, (class of 1950) as non-residents.

We made the following elections, into the following classes:

~~A T Butler class of 1955~~
~~J. L. Coker '53~~
~~R D Wellons '52 (correct 52GSM)~~
~~Glenn Rainey '53 (53 GSM)~~
✓ Donald Comer 1950 (accepted, for that term only)
~~D S Haworth '52~~
~~E. L. Abercrombie 1953xx 1952~~
~~V. O'Connell '52~~
~~M. Abram '52~~
~~A. Moron '53~~
✓ C. Smith '50.
Cassandra Maxwell. ~~I say put her in class of 1951, vic. Clark Foreman, resigned.~~
~~Mautinband 53~~
✓ P. Christopher '51

✓ replaced those dropped by by-laws

Board nominations & membership 1949

Corrected to December 23, '49

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BOARD ELECTIONS 1949

We dropped the following members of class of 1949
E P Daniel
Jacob Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Alfred Mynders — Became Ex Officio
J. M. Tydings " "
additionally, of this class, there did resign in 1949
J. W. Seabrook
Aubrey Williams
we assumed that Tydings, Mynders, and ~~Daniel~~ Gibbs would continue as members ex-officio, by virture of their headship of State Divisions.

Of the class of 1951 Clark Foreman resigned, in 1949

We dropped two members of the class of 1950, as non-residents
Ira Reid
Louis Burnham

We made the following elections. Numbers after each name indicate term of office as notified them by letters written shortly after the mtg.

Class of 1953	Class of 1952	'50	51
A T Butler accepted	* R D Wellons accepted	D. Comer ac.	* P. C'stphr accepted
J. L. Coker accepted	D S Haworth	C. Smith ac.	
Glenn Rainey	E. L. Abercrombie		
A. Moron — accepted	* V. O'Connell accepted		
Rabbi Mantinband accepted	M. Abr m accepted		
Totals 5	5	2	1

Cassandra Maxwell, unallocated as of Nov. 22. accepted

As a matter of fact, we had as vacancies by class
1953 7 (5 not reelected, 2 resigned)
1952 4
1950 2
1951 1

Two changes will straighten out completeley.

(1) Notify Abercrombie that he' in class of 1953. — c/ ac not accepted as of 2-9-50
(2) Put Cassandra Maxwell in Class of 1953, and so notify.

Then we've got seven in 53, four in 52, and so on, as it should be.

GSM has today written each (Maxwell and Abercrombie), so all will be sweet.

CC to GSM

1949

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1/ Vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Harold L. Trigg. The Executive Director has recommended to the Executive Committee that this office remain vacant until a suitable person may be found to fill the position.

2/ Voted Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors at annual meeting, November 12, 1947.

3/ Are elected members of the Board of Directors, also.

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W. H. Marmion 2/					- -	
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SRC - Advisory Ctee - Minutes Etc.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

February 22, 1949

Mrs. McKoy:

The one member present at the Advisory Committee meeting Monday, February 21, was Dean Nabrit.

There will be no meeting next Monday (February 28) since both Mr. Jackson and I will be out of town.

GSM

SRC - Advisory Ctee - Minutes

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Minutes of Meeting of the Advisory Committee

August 13, 1948

The Advisory Committee held its first meeting at three-thirty, Friday, August 13. The following were present:

Mr. R. E. Cureton
Mr. Nelson Jackson
Dean S. M. Nabrit
George S. Mitchell
Harold Fleming

Mr. Mitchell outlined some of the history of the Council and its predecessor and described the resources of the organization in money, staff, and friendly relationships with the churches, newspapers, colleges and schools, some agricultural leaders, and the forces of labor in the South. Members of the Committee made some suggestions as to increased circulation for pamphlet material, particularly that they could be sold in good quantities at gatherings of Negro educators and businessmen.

A proposed memorandum to State Divisions and co-operating interracial committees was discussed, altered, and approved.

The Committee undertook to meet again early in September at a date not fixed.

GTM.

SRC - Annual Reports from State Divisions (-new file)

TO HEADS OF STATE DIVISIONS AND AFFILIATED INTERRACIAL COMMITTEES

August 4, 1948

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Vero Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Zeuch:

The Council's annual report to the membership for 1947-48 needs to be in print October 1 so that it can get out to the members a month before the Annual Meeting.

We want to have in that annual report good material from each State Division or affiliated Committee.

We had the idea here that the best thing we could get would be a running summary from each State of the major developments or the big changes and events in the public life of each State during the year since October 1, 1947, and, interwoven with that, some account of the work of the Committee or Division as it related to those changes. We and you are concerned, of course, with progress or slip-backs for everybody. After all, each thing you did, you did against a background of public change.

Space is limited. We don't ask for a major essay. It ought to be, say, three double-spaced, typewritten pages, and we wuld cut that down in editing.

Enclosed is a checklist of suitable topics. You might want to pick from it things that apply, or substitute others.

What we really aim at is a neat nugget that tells the main things that went on in your State in the Council's and your own general field of work, together with comments on how your own organization fitted into the developments.

Our deadline is September 1. Will you be good enough to make a masterful effort to meet it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Enclosure: Checklist
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SAC - Annual Reports from State Divisions

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

2/18/49

To: Harold Fleming
Re: Annual Report

We might remember that most city chambers of commerce issue a legislative report service to their members. Access to that would help whoever gets up our dope in each state about changes, good and bad.

SRC - Annual Reports from State Divisions

February 21, 1949

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We are planning to devote one issue of New South each year to an annual summary of progress and setbacks in the various Southern states. In order to accomplish this, we are asking a Fellow, or other qualified member, in each state to serve as our "historian" for this year.

It occurred to us that probably some person at Fisk would have all the vital information about Tennessee at his or her fingertips and could do the job to perfection. Could you suggest the name of such a person whom we might approach? We should appreciate it greatly.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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CHECKLIST FOR ANNUAL STATE SUMMARIES

HEALTH

1. Additional hospital facilities, health clinics, and other public health services, by race.
2. Increased opportunities or facilities for Negro doctors and nurses, greater cooperation between white and Negro personnel.

HOUSING

State and local programs of rural housing, slum clearance, public housing projects.

EDUCATION

1. Construction of new school plants, or improvements in old ones, for whites and Negroes.
2. Equalization of teachers' salaries, employment of additional teachers, higher standards for teachers.
3. More equitable distribution of school funds.
4. Opening of new educational opportunities (e.g., modification of the Kentucky Day Law to permit whites and Negroes to receive health education in same institution.)

SUFFRAGE

1. Improved public attitudes toward Negro voting.
2. Correction of discriminatory practices at registration places and polls.
3. Legislation affecting suffrage.
4. Stimulation of voting consciousness among whites and Negroes.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. Employment of Negro policemen, or progress in that direction.
2. Action to combat police brutality and other injustices; legal aid.
3. Institution of race relations courses by police departments, higher standards of selection of police officers.
4. Administration of justice in the courts.

RECREATION

Additional or improved parks, playgrounds, youth clubs, swimming pools, beaches, civic recreation centers, etc.

AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY

Farm mechanization, new or expanded industries, democratic practices in industry.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Reduction of discrimination in public services, private and governmental — transportation, waiting rooms, department stores, etc.

STATE SERVICES

New or expanded state services in such fields as welfare, interracial adjustment, education, health.

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Changes in public opinion.
2. Negro representation on bodies of official and private agencies.
3. Negro jury service.
4. Extended employment opportunities
5. Other advances or reverses in securing equal rights for all citizens.

(Note: Most city chambers of commerce issue a legislative report which should be of help

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

As Revised Nov. ~~12, 1947~~ 11, 1948

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, at it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescrive, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The

President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council, and chairmen of affiliated interracial committees and/ or state-wide interracial committees working closely with the Council, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex-officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72) exclusive of exofficio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and the Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice President. Each additional Vice President, if any shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia."

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

As Revised Nov. 12, 1948 1948

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, at it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescrive, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The

President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council, and chairmen of affiliated interracial committees and/ or state-wide interracial committees working closely with the Council, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex-officio members, but the number of directorsmay be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72) exclusive of exofficio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and the Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice President. Each additional Vice President, if any shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia."

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

April 29, 1949

Miss Flemmie P. Kittrell
Department of Home Economics
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Miss Kittrell:

Many thanks for your letter of April 22.

I like what you supply us with about the new National Civil Liberties Clearing House. It is also most generous of you to offer to put up personally the $25 minimum fee for affiliation.

As the head of the staff of the Southern Regional Council, I have no power to commit the Council to a permanent affiliation with any group. Nevertheless I think, considering the narrow limits within which the Civil Liberties Clearing House is to work, I could commit the Council to temporary affiliation, subject to the action of the Executive Committee and, if necessary, the Board of Directors and the annual membership meeting of the Council. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is in mid-June. The Board and the membership meet in November.

If the National Civil Liberties Clearing House will accept this temporary affiliation from the Council, we are most happy to link ourselves to it in that way. I am sorry to have to depend on you for the affiliation fee.

My only question about the proposed constitution and by-laws relates

to paragraph 4, where it is laid down that the steering committee shall have power to appoint not more than three additional members, without reference to membership in organizations making up the Clearing House. I know that a power of that kind is nice to have, but it also seems a bit risky. I merely record my question as to the wisdom of that clause.

We are delighted that you have been nominated as secretary for the Clearing House.

Please keep us informed as things move along.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS

April 22,1949

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Following up our conversation over the telephone, I am enclosing here the proposed constitution and other materials relating to the National Civil Liberties Clearing House. It would be good if I can have your reaction and that of the Executive Committee so that I can make your wishes known to the group. May 5th has been designated recently as a deadline(tentatively) to get our answers in to the larger group here.

I am extremely sorry that our finances are so low and will do my part to help. If you think well of the idea of our Organization affiliating will you let me know and I will give the $25.00 (Minimun fee) as a contribution.

Please let me here from you at your convenience.

Sincerely Yours,

Flemmie P. Kittrell

Flemmie P. Kittrell, Representative
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The National Civil Liberties Clearing House

I. NAME - The name of the organization shall be the National Civil Liberties Clearing House.

II. POLICY AND FUNCTION OF THE CLEARING HOUSE - The function of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House shall be to serve as a clearing house for information and recommendations to organization for action, on domestic and international questions of human rights, including civil rights legislation, governmental invasion of civil liberties, and academic freedom. The Clearing House in the future as in the past shall seek to alert and keep informed the organizations participating in it on various governmental and legislative issues in the field of civil liberties, but shall not in its own right and name take positions on any issues.

One of its responsibilities shall be to concentrate on those questions of civil liberties not now adequately covered by specialized agencies, as, for example, procedures in the field of loyalty and investigation.

Another responsibility of the Clearing House shall be to utilize information and recommendations from organizations concentrating on specific issues for the benefit of all interested organizations.

Policy shall be determined insofar as possible by the meetings of the Clearing House or in the interim by the Steering Committee, as hereinafter described. The Clearing House shall not have power to bind constituent organizations, nor shall any organization be designated as representing the Clearing House

The Civil Liberties Clearing House shall not issue statements in its own name, but it may serve to facilitate the issuing of joint statements by such organizations and individuals as are free to act on any given question.

III. PARTICIPATION - Only national organizations shall be admitted as participating and voting members of the Clearing House. Local or regional organizations similar in character and purpose to the Clearing House itself shall be permitted to take part as non-voting affiliated organizations. Membership, or termination of membership, in the Clearing House by any organization shall be by action of the Clearing House, following recommendation by the Steering Committee.

All member organizations will be asked and expected to participate in the financing of the Clearing House to the extent of their ability and in accord with their constitutional provisions or charter. This can be done by payment either of dues or for services, or by contribution of the equivalent in services or otherwise as determined by the Steering Committee.

Participation in the annual or other conferences by other organizations than members or affiliates of the Clearing House also shall be upon approval of the Clearing House following recommendation by the Steering Committee.

IV. OFFICERS - The officers of the Clearing House shall be a chairman; four vice chairmen, each of whom shall direct activities in one of the four major fields of interest of the organization; a secretary and a treasurer. Together with six other individuals, also elected by the membership of the Clearing House, they shall constitute the Steering Committee of the Clearing House. Also the Steering Committee shall have power to appoint not more than three additional members to the Steering Committee, without reference to membership in organizations making up the Clearing House. In no case shall an employee of the Clearing House serve as a member of the Steering Committee or as an officer of the Committee. The Clearing House may in the future, as in the past, ask sponsorship of distinguished individuals.

V. FUNCTION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE - The Steering Committee shall constitute the governing body of the Clearing House. Administrative actions of the officers, including the employment of staff, shall be subject to the general supervision of the Steering Committee. In turn, the Steering Committee shall be responsible to the membership of the Clearing House for its actions. The Steering Committee shall be collectively responsible for the financial operation of the Clearing House and shall report no less frequently than quarterly to the membership of the Clearing House concerning its financial status.

VI. MEETINGS - Regular meetings of the Clearing House shall be held monthly, unless otherwise determined by the Steering Committee. The Clearing House may hold such annual or other conferences or meetings as are necessary to carry out the functions of the Clearing House.

VII. AMENDMENTS - Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the Clearing House after having been submitted to the Clearing House the previous month.

Organizations Represented at the Second

*** NATIONAL CITIZENS CONFERENCE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES ***

(Sponsored by the National Civil Liberties Clearing House
in Washington, D. C., February 15 and 16, 1949)

African Methodist Episcopal Church
Adult Education Association
Allegheny County Council on Civil Rights
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council on Education
American Council on Human Rights
Americans for Democratic Action
American Ethical Union
American Friends Service Committee
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Library Association
American Medical Association
American Unitarian Association
American Veterans Committee, Inc.
Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith
Association on American Indian Affairs
Association for the United Nations, Inc.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Church of the Brethren
Common Council for American Unity
CIO, Committee to Abolish Discrimination
Congregational-Christian Churches, Committee on Church and Race
Council for Social Action, Legislative Committee
Council for Civil Rights in the Nation's Capital
Disciples of Christ
Evangelical and Reformed Church, Commission on Christian Social Action
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Hadassah
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., National Ladies' Auxiliary
Methodist Church, Women's Division, Board of Missions
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of Colored Women
National Association of Jewish Center Workers
National Community Relations Advisory Council
National Conference of Christians and Jews
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Negro Women
National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C.
National Consumers League
National Education Association, Department of Higher Education
Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education
National Farmers Union
National Jewish Welfare Board
National Lutheran Council
National Women's Trade Union League
Northern Baptist Convention, Council of Christian Social Progress
People's Lobby
Pittsburgh Civil Rights Council
Presbyterian Church, U. S.
Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Synagogue Council of America
Textile Workers Union of America, CIO
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice
United Christian Youth Movement
United Council of Church Women
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Workers' Defense League

NATIONAL CIVIL LIBERTIES CLEARING HOUSE

1000 11th Street, N. W. Washington 1, D. C.

Nominations for

Officers and Members of the Steering Committee

(Submitted by the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Margaret Stone, Chairman, on March 2, 1949)

Chairman - E. Raymond Wilson, Friends Committee on National Legislation

Vice Chairmen -

On Academic Freedom: Dr. Richard B. Kennan, National Education Association

On Government and Civil Liberties: Benjamin C. Sigal, Americans for Democratic Action

On Civil Rights: Joseph Clorety, American Veterans Committee

On Human Rights: Dr. Francis J. Brown, American Council on Education

Secretary - Dr. Flemmie P. Kittrell, Southern Regional Council

Treasurer - Philip Schiff, National Jewish Welfare Board

Steering Committee (Six members to be named) -

Herman Edelsberg, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith

Russell Smith, National Farmers Union

Rev. Thomas B. Keehn, Council for Social Action, Congregational-Christian Churches

Mike Masaoka, Japanese American Citizens League

Eleanor Neff, Council for Christian Social Action, Women's Division, Methodist Church

John W. Edelman, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO

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End of year.

Assets		Liabilities	
Accounts receivable.	433	Accounts payable	1.368
		Budget, 7/12 th of year.	29,200
Net from JRF (5000)	3000	Lily Fund	200
Other expectables	6,398	Stein for Tony	200
Ten dollar drafts	50	Slates (250.'08)	200
Cash on hand	1,046		
	10,927		31,668

Excess. Liabilities over assets 20,741

Explain Arrangement.

We've taken in this year, to June 6 30,534
And disbursed, " 29,691

We have a cash balance on hand of 1046, but of this

We hold for Mrs. Tilly's mtg	700
Dtate Dvsns, May	210
And owe States on 250's	200
total	1110

So, we are broke by the difference, or 64.00

Also, we owe accounts payable, including Stein for
May 1568, or with that plus 64, a total of 1632 in the red.
But against this we have sure receivables of 433

So, we stand as of today about 1200 in the red.

But, we have coming to us, from JRF
an effective 3000
from other
expectables
6000
Which xxxxxxxxx total 9000. But we owe, as above, 1200, so we have
net income for rest of the year f 7800

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We have to pay out for the rest of the year the difference between the budget and 5/12ths of the budget, of 29,200.

Budget, 50,000
5/12ths 20,800
Diffnce 29,200

So, we have estimated expenditures of 29,200
and estimated income of 7,800
21,400 to raise.

Leaving us with
But, if we collect from Anonymous 3000 it will take a matching 2,500 to do it, making 5,500, of which I estimate we could properly charge 2,500 this year to the survey project, so we need raise, in that event, for this year, only
21,400 less 2,500, or 18,900.
But the matter is academic, since it would take 2500 raieed to let us spend 2,500 on this project this year. Still, that would give us 3,000 toward this projett for next year.

Thus our job is to raise 21,000 this year.

Twenty additional 250's (over and above those now pledged or paid), would bring 5000 of this, leaving us with 16,000 still to raise.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

June 8, 1949

Invocation

Roll Call

Minutes of last meeting

Staff reports:

General report - Dr. Mitchell

Membership and finance - Mrs. McKoy

Business from previous meetings:

a. Location of the annual meeting (November 9th)

New Business:

Board vacancies to be filled at annual meeting

Date for September meeting

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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	BUDGET FOR 1949	BUDGET PRO-RATA THROUGH MAY
Salaries	$30,400.00	$12,666.66
Travel	5,700.00	2,375.00
Telephone and Telegraph	840.00	350.00
Rent	1,560.00	650.00
Office Supplies and Expense	1,065.00	443.75
Special Research	500.00	208.33
Local Advisory Committee	1,560.00	650.00
Postage and Express	1,600.00	666.66
Printing - Literature	6,000.00	2,500.00
Books and Subscriptions	400.00	188.88
Exchange Bank Charges	10.00	41.88
Clipping Service	120.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	50.00	20.83
Audit	125.00	52.08
	$49,930.00	$20,864.07

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RECEIPTS

Julius Rosenwald Fund Withdrawals	$15,000.00	1/
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500.00	2/
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00	
Ashby Jones Good will Fund	25.00	
Catholic Church Appropriations:		
Catholic Missionary Union	1,500.00	
His Eminence Cardinal Stritch	1,000.00	
Episcopal Church Appropriations:		
Woman's Auxiliary to National Council in Diocese of Florida	25.00	
Methodist Church Appropriations:		
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension	500.00	
Board of Education	250.00	
W.S.C.S. Mississippi Conference	25.00	
W.S.C.S. Kentucky Conference	25.00	
W.S.C.S. First Methodist Ch. of Tampa	10.00	
Kentucky State Division of SRC	25.00	
Member Dues	962.25	
Member Contributions	4,082.50	
Non-Member Contributions	250.00	
Dues Received for State Divisions	466.25	
Contributions received for State Divisions	271.50	
New South Subscriptions	135.20	
Miscellaneous Literature	1,128.46	
Refunds:		
Travel	389.74	
Postal (Harper Bros, etc.)	110.19	
Office Supplies	94.40	
Book Orders	10.00	
Telephone	3.29	
Honoraria - GSM	77.72	
Royalties	11.40	
Interest on invested Funds	225.00	
Trust Fund. South Wide Womens Meeting	681.26	
Citizens Trust Loan (30 - days)	2,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$30,534.16	

1/ $5,000 withdrawn in 1948; $5,000 still on hand

2/ For Home Town Self-Survey

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FORESEEABLE INCOME FOR REMAINDER OF 1949

Balance due on $250.00 Pledges	$ 1,365.00	
Balance due on pledges not a part of the $250.00 Campaign	550.00	$1,915.00
Episcopal Church Appropriation Province of Sewanee		100.00
Methodist Church Appropriations:		
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension	500.00	
General Board of Education	250.00	
W. S. C. S. - Holston Conference	25.00	
W. S. C. S. - Kentucky Conference	25.00	
W. S. C. S. - Louisville Conference	25.00	
W. S. C. S. - Tennessee Conference	25.00	850.00
Presbyterian Church Appropriations		
Committee on Woman's Work		25.00
Interest on Invested Funds		75.00
Members Dues		1,500.00
Accounts Receivable		
Literature	133.06	
Office Equipment	300.00	433.06
Literature		1,200.00
New South		300.00
Anonymous Southern Foundation		3,000.00
		$9,398.06

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Stein Printing Company	$ 872.52 1/
Dues and Contributions owed to State Divisions	210.75
Southeastern Envelope Company	128.86
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company	46.87
Press Clippings	25.10
Ivan Allen & Marshall Office Supplies	15.74
Elliott Adding Machine Company	13.93
Western Union	5.95
Miscellaneous	48.36
	$ 1,368.08

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Literature	$ 133.06
Soundscriber	300.00
	$ 433.06

1/ (Does not include May Invoice - not yet received)
just received - is $ 229.30

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DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$13,748.13
Dec. 1948 W.T.	251.20
Payment of Loan	5,000.00
Travel	2,787.88
Paid for 1948 Accounts	1,847.62
Printing	1,760.59
Returned to State Divisions	961.71 1/
Postage	825.78
Rent	750.00
Office Equipment and Supplies	577.42
Advisory Committee Honoraria	430.00
Telephone and Telegraph	357.24
Books and Subscriptions	161.31
Audit	125.00
Miscellaneous	46.16
Insurance	41.44
Interest on loan of 6/2/49	20.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$29,691.48

Bank Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$ 204.15
Revenue (includes $151.30 cash on hand)	30,534.16
	30,738.31
Disbursements	29,691.48
Balance in Bank and on hand 6/6/49	$ 1,046.83

1/ ($474.31 is for 1948 - not included in 1948 accounts payable)

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GIVERS AND PLEDGERS ON $250.00 CAMPAIGN

NAME	STATE	AMOUNT
Mr. Donald Comer	Birmingham, Alabama	$250.00
Mr. G. D. Rogers	Tampa, Florida	$250.00
Mr. Leonard Haas	Atlanta, Georgia	$250.00
Dr. George S. Mitchell	Atlanta, Georgia	$250.00
Mr. Edgar Stern Mrs. Edgar Stern	New Orleans, Louisiana	$250.00
Dr. Howard Odum	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	$250.00
Mr. Asa Spaulding Mr. C. C. Spaulding Mr. John H. Wheeler	Durham, North Carolina	$250.00
Mr. Spencer Love	Burlington, North Carolina	$250.00
Mr. D. W. Uzzle	Durham, North Carolina	$250.00
Mr. Charles Smith	Arlington, Virginia	$250.00
Miss Ruth Hawes Mrs. Julia Hill	Richmond, Virginia Richmond, Virginia	$250.00
Mr. S. T. Marcus	Frankfort, Kentucky	$ 25.00
Mr. R. M. Hanes	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	$100.00
Mrs. Gertrude Weil	Greensboro, North Carolina	$100.00

INFORMATION ON BOARD VACANCIES

I Those leaving the Board in 1948

Charles Clingman - Not reelected
H. D. Goode - not reelected
Z. A. Looby - not reelected
Jacob L. Reddix - not reelected
R. L. Russell - became ex officio
Thomas S. Staples - not reelected
Edgar B. Stern - reelected, but resigned
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong - not reelected
J. G. Stuart - not reelected

II Replacing those leaving

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
P. B. Young, Sr.

III Those offered membership, but not accepting

Mr. Mark Ethridge
Judge J. Waties Waring
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius
Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Barry Bingham

IV Board members known to be resident outside the South

Dr. Ira DeA. Reid
Dr. Clark Foreman
Mr. Louis Burnham

V There are two vacancies on the Board

VI Class of 1949

Stanley Brav[1]
Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Hodding Carter
Rufus E. Clement
R. P. Daniel
Ernest Delpit[2]
W. H. Marmion
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Jacob R. Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Armand May
E. A. McDowell
L. D. Milton
Alfred Mynders
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Edwin A. Penick
John O. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
J. W. Seabrook
Mrs. Eugene Spearman
J. M. Tydings
Forrester B. Washington
Aubrey Williams
Marion A. Wright

[1]resigned
[2]dropped

VII People suggested as possible Board members

Miss Cassandra Maxwell, Orangeburg, S.C.
Mr. A. T. Butler, Palmetto, S.C.
Mrs. E. V. Robinson, Cookville, Tenn.
Mr. Nat Warren
Rabbi Charles Mantinband, Florence, Alabama

6/15/49

INCLUDE IN AGENDA FOR AUGUST 31 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Further consideration of Mrs. Spearman's proposal re regional committees

From minutes of March 16 meeting of Executive Committee;

"The director was asked to query Mrs. Alice Spearman for further detail on her proposal that the Council establish regional committees for working with church women and others."

met

TICKLER JUNE 1 GSM

Aug. 31
Exec. Com.

In writing to the nominating committee for replacements on the Board of Directors, mention should be made of Mrs. Tilly's suggestion at the time of the Executive Committee meeting March 16 that a suitable person would be:

Mrs. E. ~~W.~~ Robinson
Cookeville, Tennessee

Also -- Leonard Haas says we should get Matt Warren on our Board

GSM:

Here, from the record, is the request for you to get further information from Mrs. Spearman --

From minutes of March 16 meeting of Executive Committee:

"The director was asked to query Mrs. Alice Spearman for further detail on her proposal that the Council establish regional committees for working with church women and others."

What happened before that was that Mrs. Spearman made some remarks at the Board meeting, November '48, about the need for more "grass roots" organization and for the Council to work through regional committees. She asked that this matter be considered by the Executive Committee.

This was brought before the Executive Committee at the March 16 meeting, but they were not clear on what she had in mind, and asked for more information.

met

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48.

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

December 6, 1944

MORNING SESSION

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Prayer

Review of Registration and Proxies

Confirmation of Members

Minutes of Charter Meeting

Appointment of Committees

Recommendations of the Board of Directors

Report of the Executive Directors

Adjournment for Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Treasurer

Reports of the Standing Committees
- Fellows
- Finance
- Membership
- Publications
- Public Relations

Report of Resolutions Committee

Other Business

Adjournment

Charter Meeting

2/16/44

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Charter Meeting

The charter meeting of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., convened at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon February 16, 1944, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library Building. The following were present in person or by proxy:

Theodore F. Adams
Will W. Alexander
Mrs. L. W. Alford
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
R. B. Atwood
W. R. Banks
Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett
Noble Y. Beall
W. A. Bell
Wm. H. Bell
Wm. Y. Bell, Jr.
George C. Bellingrath
Moses S. Belton
Albert D. Betts
J. E. Blanton
H. M. Bond
J. Max Bond
J. R. Booker
Mrs. Z. L. Boothe
Dr. Mary E. Branch
Theodore D. Bratton
Stanley R. Brav
James P. Brawley
Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Mrs. J. L. Brock
Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Wilson M. Brown
A. R. Buhrman
Louis E. Burnham
A. C. Burttram
H. H. Butler
J. S. Clark
Mrs. R. E. Clay
Mrs. George C. Clement
Rufus E. Clement
Charles Clingman
William E. Cole
Wm. M. Cooper
Robert L. Cousins
W. H. Crawford
John E. Culmer
J. L. Cuninggim
Virginius Dabney
Mrs. Andrew Dale
Robert P. Daniel
V. E. Daniel
M. S. Davage
Don A. Davis
Mrs. George E. Davis
Miss Mary C. DeBardeleben
Ernest Delpit
A. W. Dent
F. M. Dickenson
J. C. Dixon
Henry M. Edmonds
R. B. Eleaser
J. M. Ellison
Mark Ethridge
Grady Farley
Clark Foreman
R. L. Foreman, Jr.
L. H. Foster
W. A. Fountain, Jr.
G. Hamilton Francis
D. S. Freeman
Fred C. Frey
John M. Gandy
S. Hughes Garvin
Mrs. Nathaniel Gist Gee
William G. Gehri
Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
C. H. Gillman
Benjamin A. Green
K. W. Green
Robert E. Gribbin
Leonard Haas
Carey E. Haigler
Wiley A. Hall
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. John M. Hanna
Julian LaR. Harris
Mrs. E. B. Harrold
Mrs. Henry Havens
F. Clyde Helms
W. G. Henry

W. G. Henry, Jr.
W. C. Henson
R. Beverly Herbert
Mrs. R. T. Hollis
Asbury Howard
Giles A. Hubert
Walter J. Hughes
Mrs. N. A. Hunt, Sr.
R. L. Hunt
John W. Inser
Luther P. Jackson
W. C. Jackson
Howard E. Jensen
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
Smith L. Johnston
David D. Jones
M. Ashby Jones
Thomas E. Jones
Bernard J. Kane
Lloyd N. Killam
Willis J. King
Ryland Knight
R. O'Hara Lanier
J. R. E. Lee
J. Leonard Lewis
Mrs. G. W. Long
Nat G. Long
Z. Alexander Looby
J. R. McCain
Frank McCallister
Mrs. Mary M. McCoy
H. L. McGrorey
Ralph McGill
Mrs. Clelia P. McGowan
T. James McNamara
Edward G. Mackay
William H. Marmion
Mrs. Attwood Martin
David Marx
Miss Lucy R. Mason
Armand May
Benjamin E. Mays
Haskell M. Miller
Mrs. J. W. Mills
William Mitch
Roscoe C. Mitchell
Samuel C. Mitchell
Arthur J. Moore
Josiah Morse
Mrs. Audley Morton
Edward F. Murphy, S. S. J.
N. C. Newbold
Mrs. Bertha P. Newell
Howard W. Odum
Gerald P. O'Hara
L. F. Palmer
F. D. Patterson
Raymond R. Paty
J. M. Payne
A. M. Pennybacker
J. W. Perry
E. C. Peters
E. M. Preston
Hubert Quillian
Arthur Raper
Homer P. Rainey
Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Miss Florence M. Read
Ira DeA. Reid
J. Calvin Reid
J. McD. Richards
James L. Robb
G. D. Rogers
J. Alvin Russell
R. L. Russell
C. A. Scott
James E. Shepard
Philip E. Shulhafer
Mrs. A. W. Simkins
W. A. Smart
C. C. Spaulding
Mrs. Alex W. Spence
Robert A. Spiesly
Ludd M. Spivey
Edgar B. Stern
Mrs. A. H. Sterne
Mrs. J. Morgan Stevens
J. G. Stuart
Willis A. Sutton
Henry H. Sweets
James T. Taylor
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
H. Councill Trenholm
Harold L. Trigg
H. St. George Tucker
Mrs. R. L. Turman
Mrs. W. A. Turner
J. A. Valentine
King Vivion
A. T. Walden
John Moore Walker
Forrester B. Washington
W. D. Weatherford
Kendall Weisiger
Carter Wesley
Goodrich C. White
W. M. Whitehead
M. F. Whittaker
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mrs. M. R. Wilkinson
F. C. Willcoxon

Miss Fannie C. Williams
John Page Williams
C. B. Wilmer
John D. Wing
W. H. Wiseman
P. B. Young

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Howard W. Odum, who reported that the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, at a meeting held during the morning, had voted to merge with the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. M. Ashby Jones offered the opening prayer.

The Secretary was asked to read the resolution voted at the Commission meeting, as follows:

> It being made to appear to the meeting that all of the Commission's obligations and liabilities have been fully discharged, and further that the Southern Regional Council, having been duly incorporated to carry on the work with ideals and program similar to those of this corporation:
>
> It was, upon motion duly made and seconded-
>
> RESOLVED that the corporation transfer and convey to the Southern Regional Council, Inc., a corporation of Fulton County, Georgia, all of its property of every nature whatsoever and wherever situated, absolutely and in fee simple.

Dr. Odum addressed the members briefly, saying that in his opinion the Council represents the most united group that has approached the greatest problem America has outside of winning the war - "A problem that has no limit outside ourselves."

At the suggestion of Dr. Odum and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. F. D. Patterson be elected temporary chairman.

After taking the chair, Dr. Patterson said that it seemed appropriate to have a statement from one who had much to do with the development of the Durham Conference. He then introduced Dr. Gordon B. Hancock and invited him to make any statement which he wished to make at this organization meeting.

Dr. Hancock responded, saying that he felt that the time had come "to redeem interracialism, to destroy race prejudice, and to save the soul of this Nation." To do

the job right, he said, we must have moral courage.

Dr. Patterson invited Mrs. Ames, General Field Secretary of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, to speak on the transition period between the Commission and the Southern Regional Council.

Mrs. Ames urged the Council to establish democratic processes within its own body and to make a study of Negro-White woman relationships.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, respectively, spoke with reference to the suggested structure and program of the Council, which eventually will be conducted through five Commissions: Race (Human) Relations, Economic Affairs, Community Life and Welfare, Public Affairs, and Cultural Development. It was agreed that attention should be centered on the Commission on Race (Human) Relations during this first year.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Emily H. Clay be elected temporary secretary.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the minutes of the incorporators' meeting, after which the charter of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., was presented to the members.

A consideration of the suggested by-laws followed.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA.

Section 1. Name.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

Section 2. Area.

After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS.

Section 1. Members.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the classification of associate membership be provided for those who may not qualify as active members of this organization.

It was suggested by Dr. Robb, who offered the motion, that the details of working out this vote be left to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Rogers, who seconded the motion, explained that he had in mind providing for those outside the region to participate. There are people out of the region, he said, who have interests, financially and otherwise, in the region and who would be glad to contribute toward the program.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that persons living outside the region may be elected by the Board of Directors to associate membership in the Southern Regional Council.

ARTICLE II (Continued)

Section 2. Annual Meetings.

Section 3. Special Meetings.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings.

Section 5. Quorum.

Section 6. Voting.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the sections above be adopted as read.

ARTICLE II (Continued)

Section 7. Proxies.

After discussion, on motion duly seconded-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the section be amended to read as follows:

Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body, only, and shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorised attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, with the following amendment:

Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct.

Section 2. Affiliates.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

The meeting recessed, to reconvene at 7:30 P.M.

EVENING SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M., February 16, by the temporary chairman, Dr. F. D. Patterson.

A resolution was offered by Dr. Clement, expressing thanks to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Ashby Jones, and Mrs. Ames, in the name of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and of the Southern Regional Council, for the services which they have rendered over the years in the interest of better race relations in the South.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

12. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following to serve on the Committee on Nominations: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Virginius Dabney, P. B. Young, Forrester B. Washington, and William E. Cole.

The discussion of the by-laws was continued.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1. Election and Powers. (Later amended - following consideration of Section 6, Article VI.)
Section 2. Regular Meetings.
Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings.
Section 4. Special Meetings.
Section 5. Place of Meetings.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

13. IT WAS VOTED that the sections above be adopted as read.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

14. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read "not less than ten (10) days," instead of "at least two days" before the meeting.

Section 7. Quorum.
Section 8. Vacancies.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

15. IT WAS VOTED that the sections above be adopted as read.

Section 9. Removal.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

16. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read "any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause," instead of "with or without cause."

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Executive Committee.

Dr. Robb raised the question of whether the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director should be members of the Executive Committee and, after discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

17. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members, with the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer as ex officio members.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson called attention to the fact that since the Secretary of the Council is also a paid employee it is illogical to say that the Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee when the two Executive Directors are excluded from membership. After discussion, therefore-

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

18. IT WAS VOTED that Section 1, Article V, be reconsidered.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

19. IT WAS VOTED that this section be amended to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members, with the President and one or more Vice Presidents as ex officio members.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee.

After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

20. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read "but not fewer than four (4) members," instead of "five (5) members."

Section 3. National Advisory Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

21. IT WAS VOTED That the section be adopted, amended to read "establish" as a substitute for the words "authorize the selection of."

Section 4. Other Committees.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

22. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS.

Section 1. Executive Officers.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

23. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read as follows:

The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, an Associate Executive Director, a

Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The executive officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members, and each such officer shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year and until his successor shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VI (Continued)

Section 2. President.
Section 3. First Vice President.
Section 4. Additional Vice Presidents.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried-

24. IT WAS VOTED that the above sections be adopted as read.

Section 5. Executive Director.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

25. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read "and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors."

Section 6. Associate Executive Director.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

26. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

Dr. Clement asked for a reconsideration of Section 1, Article IV, calling attention to an inconsistency in the section as adopted. After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

27. IT WAS VOTED that Section 1, Article IV, be reconsidered and that the sentence which reads, "No director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each," be amended to read:

No director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director, whose membership on the Board of Directors shall be co-terminus with their tenure of office.

Section 7. Secretary.
Section 8. Treasurer.
Section 9. Controller.
Section 10. Counsel.
Section 11. Assistant Officers.
Section 12. Subordinate Officers.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried-

28. IT WAS VOTED that the above sections be adopted as read.

Section 13. Removal.

After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

29. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES.

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc.
Section 2. Fiscal Year.
Section 3. Board of Trust.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried-

30. IT WAS VOTED that the sections be adopted as read.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS.

Section 1. Seal.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

31. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted as read.

Section 2. Bonds.

After discussion, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

32. IT WAS VOTED that the section be adopted, amended to read:

The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books.
Section 4. Amendments.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried-

33. IT WAS VOTED that the sections be adopted as read.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

34. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to bring in nominations for three vice presidents.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

35. IT WAS VOTED that the by-laws as amended be adopted as a whole.

The meeting adjourned, to reconvene at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

MORNING SESSION - FEBRUARY 17

In the absence of Dr. Patterson, temporary Chairman, the meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, February 17, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

36. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected to serve as temporary Chairman.

Mr. Bridges took the chair.

The following nominations of additional charter members were read by Dr. Guy B. Johnson: Louis I. Jaffe, Norfolk, Virginia; Miss Mildred R. Mell, Decatur, Georgia; Lorimer D. Milton, Atlanta, Georgia; George S. Mitchell, Atlanta, Georgia; John Garland Pollard, Jr., Somers, Virginia; John H. Wheeler, Durham, North Carolina; T. Wilson Wilmer, Richmond, Virginia.

The following nominations were made from the floor: Lillian Smith, Clayton, Georgia; Glenn Rainey, Atlanta, Georgia; B. H. Hampton, Athens, Tennessee; John A. Griffin, Atlanta, Georgia; Rabbi A. O. Feibleman, New Orleans, Louisiana; Rev. B. H. Gayles; Frank McCallister, Atlanta, Georgia; Ralph P. Bridgman, Hampton, Virginia; Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Richmond, Virginia; Carl D. Brorein, Tampa, Florida; Alonso Moron, Atlanta, Georgia; Herbert N. Davidson, Daytona Beach, Florida; Peter Bryce Hamilton, Mobile, Alabama; Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Georgia; Wallace Rogers, Atlanta, Georgia. (Note: Glenn Rainey, John Griffin, Frank McCallister, and Lester Rumble, as signers of the Atlanta Statement, have received invitations to become members of the Council.)

The members were asked to hand their nominations, with full addresses, to the Secretary.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

37. IT WAS VOTED that we elect to charter membership, subject to their acceptance and payment of dues, all who signed the Atlanta Statement following the meeting of white Southerners on April 4, 1943.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

38. IT WAS VOTED that the seven persons nominated by Dr. Guy B. Johnson be elected as charter members and that the other persons nominated at this meeting, or nominated by charter members in the next thirty days, be eligible for charter membership, the Board to decide whether to elect them as charter members or as regular members.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, as follows:

President: Bishop Arthur J. Moore; Vice Presidents: P. B. Young, Homer P. Rainey, Carter Wesley; Secretary-Treasurer: Emily H. Clay.

Board of Directors: Will W. Alexander, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Horace M. Bond, Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Louis E. Burnham, Wilson Brown, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Rufus E. Clement, William E. Cole, Virginius Dabney, Ernest Delpit, Louis I. Jaffe, Leonard Haas, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, R. B. Herbert, Luther P. Jackson, Charles S. Johnson, E. A. McDowell, T. James McNamara, Benjamin E. Mays, Howard W. Odum, Gerald P. O'Hara, F. D. Patterson, Raymond R. Paty, John Garland Pollard, Jr., Edmund M. Preston, James L. Robb, G. D. Rogers, Philip Shulhafer, Edgar B. Stern, J. G. Stuart, Harold L. Trigg, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Forrester B. Washington, Goodrich White, Miss Josephine Wilkins, F. C. Willcoxon, T. Wilson Wilmer, with the recommendation that the Board of Directors be increased at its first session by the addition of the following six (6) persons: A. W. Dent, Lorimer D. Milton, George S. Mitchell, R. L. Russell, John H. Wheeler, and Miss Florence Syts.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

39. IT WAS VOTED that the report be adopted.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

40. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Charles Gillman be added to the Board of Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

41. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Ryland Knight be added to the Board of Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

42. IT WAS VOTED that, in case any of the persons nominated are unable to accept membership, the Board be authorized to fill the vacancies.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

43. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Ira DeA. Reid be instructed to prepare a press release, to be sent to the AP, ANP, and UP and to certain papers in addition, reporting on this meeting; that this be the official release, and there shall be a time limit on the release.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

44. IT WAS VOTED that the consent of Bishop Moore to serve as President of the Council be secured before any public announcement is made of his election.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

45. IT WAS VOTED that Julian Harris, P. B. Young, and C. A. Scott be asked to confer with Guy B. Johnson and Ira DeA. Reid on the preparation of the official release.

Mr. Shulhafer asked for an expression from the Executive Directors as to what is to be done with the regional groups set up in the various states by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. Dr. Johnson assured the members that this is one of the important "first things" to be undertaken, and that every effort will be made to conserve the state interracial bodies.

The members of the Board of Directors were asked to meet in the Exhibition Room immediately following the close of the meeting of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

Copy for Dr. Odom.

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 14, 1945

PRAYER

REVIEW OF REGISTRATION AND PROXIES

MINUTES - Annual meeting December 6, 1944.
A committee, consisting of Mr. Haas, Chairman, Mr. Milton and Mrs. Tilly was appointed to examine the minutes. They have reported their approval in writing to the Secretary. Shall we approve these minutes and dispense with their reading?

Board of Directors meeting January 31, 1945.
Shall we hear these minutes, or ask a committee to examine them and report later?

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES -

Committee on Resolutions - Mr. Louis Jaffe, Chairman
Mr. G. D. Rogers
Mr. Marion Wright
Mrs. A. W. Simkins
Mrs. Warren Zye

Committee to Examine Minutes - Mr. Virginus Dabney
Dr. Rufus C. Clement
Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. J. McNamara

REPORTS - Treasurer - Miss Clay

Executive Directors- Guy B. Johnson

Segregation Study - Dr. Reid

Veterans Work - Dr. George S. Mitchell

Field Secretaries - Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Henry Havens

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES -

Committee on Membership - Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Committee on Fellows - George S. Mitchell

Committee on Finance - W. W. Alexander

Committee on Public Relations)
Committee on Publications) - Joint report - Virginus Dabney

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Mr. Carter Wesley

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS -

Msgr. T. J. McNamara, Chairman
Nominating Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS - Mr. Louis Jaffe, Chairman
Committee on Resolutions

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Meeting will adjourn for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and will continue its business in the afternoon.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Annual Meeting
November 14, 1945

The annual meeting convened in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning November 14, 1945. The meeting was called to order by the President, Howard W. Odum, who requested the Rev. Moses Belton to offer a prayer. The following members were in attendance, and 361 were present by proxy:

Will W. Alexander
Mrs. L. W. Alford
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Benjamin R. Andrews (Associate)
Mrs. Leah Pierce Argieard
Mrs. L. M. Awtrey
Wm. H. Bell
Moses S. Belton
Frances Blackmon
J. S. Blanton
T. Ruth Brett
Charles H. Bynum
Emily H. Clay
Frank W. Clelland
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
Richard P. Daniel
V.E. Daniel
A. W. Dent
Frank Dix
E. W. Dixon
Witherspoon Dodge
Mrs. F. P. Drake
John R. Ewbank
Margaret Fisher
Clark Foreman
Opal Futch
Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
C. H. Gillman
Wm. H. Gray, Jr.
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Julian LaRose Harris
Mrs. Henry Havens
J. R. Henderson
Mrs. Herman Heyman
Asbury Howard
W. Hardin Hughes
Louis I. Jaffe
Annie Tait Jenkins
Lorraine Jennrich
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
Mrs. Louis Kaufman
Edgar Love (Associate)
Frank McCallister
T. James McNamara
Mrs. E. G. Mackay
Mrs. Ed. B. Martin
Lucy R. Mason
Benjamin E. Mays
Mildred R. Mell
Louise B. Miller
Mrs. M. Raoul Millis
M. Mae Neptune
N. C. Newbold
Howard W. Odum
Mrs. Phyllis S. O'Kelley
Noel S. Parrish
Mrs. Helena M. Payne
J. C. Perry
Mrs. C. B. Pittman
J. G. Pollard, Jr.
Margaret Price
Ira De A. Reid
Mrs. H. L. Rhorer
J. McD. Richards
A. C. Robinson
Mrs. Mary George Robinson
Charles D. Saxon
C. A. Scott
Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. Philip E. Shulhafer
Mrs. Andrew W. Simkins
James O. Slade
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Frank W. Spencer
Mrs. Augustine M. St. Cyr
James T. Taylor
A. L. Thompson

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. R. L. Turman
Mrs. W. A. Turner
Mansir Tydings
Mrs. C. A. VerNooy
Ray Warwick
Forrester B. Washington
Mrs. Leslie N. Webb
Kendall Weisiger
Josephine Wilkins

After welcoming the members, Dr. Odum recalled that when the Council was set up it was agreed, tentatively, at least, that the most important domestic problem in America was regional equality and balancing of the nation, and that within this framework race relations, itself, and the attainment of fuller opportunity for all people constituted our most specific problem. It was agreed further, he pointed out, that another thing of great importance was that there should be a south-wide organization or Council "committed without compromise to the development of such a program as would guarantee greater balanced development of the South, a greater achievement of regional balance, equality in the nation, and more equality of opportunity for minority groups, particularly for the Negro in the South and the nation." Dr. Odum feels even more strongly now that these are the fundamental premises upon which the nation must work. Recognizing the fact that the members can devote only limited time to these problems, Dr. Odum stressed the need for so strengthening the central office that it will be their responsibility "to see that the job is done." He urged that "this be made a Council for all the people, that all of us alike may share equally in the development of a great nation."

Dr. Odum reported that the minutes of the annual meeting of December 6, 1944, had been approved in writing by the committee composed of Leonard Haas, L. D. Milton, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly. Therefore, on motion, duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the annual meeting be approved.

A committee to review the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 31, 1945, was appointed, as follows: Virginius Dabney, Rufus E. Clement, and T. James McNamara.

The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: Louis I. Jaffe, Virginius Dabney, A. W. Dent, Mrs. A. W. Simkins, J. T. Taylor, Mrs. Leslie Webb, and M. A. Wright. Later, in the absence of Mr. Wright, Miss Josephine Wilkins was asked to serve on the committee.

The report of the Treasurer was read and, on motion duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the report be approved. (Report on file.)

Mr. Virginius Dabney reported that the committee of which he was chairman had reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 3 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The President called for reports from the Executive Directors.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director, read expressions of regret from a number of members who had intended to be present, but who were unavoidably detained at the last moment. He then presented a report on the Council's activities during 1945. In the beginning, he stated that the size and efficiency of the staff, both administrative and clerical, had been increased considerably, that the Council membership had more than doubled, and that many thousands of people had become acquainted with the work of the Council through conferences, literature, and publicity. Details of program activities were reported under the following headings: work with state interracial committees; work with local committees; conferences and advisory services; cooperation with other agencies; information services; publications; research projects; the work of the Council fellows; veterans' work; the FEPC; the white primary; lynchings; and miscellaneous activities.

Dr. Johnson pointed out certain trends and issues which are facing the South and which need the wholehearted attention of the Council. These were: (1) employment opportunities for Negroes; (2) fair treatment of Negroes in the administration of veterans' services; (3) law enforcement, with particular reference to the relation of the police to racial friction; (4) the danger of revival of extra-legal and reactionary agencies; (5) increasing political participation by Negroes; and (6)

the equalization of facilities and opportunities in education, health, transportation, recreation, etc.

In concluding, Dr. Johnson emphasized the importance of envisioning the Council's structure in terms of a mass membership, with emphasis on state and local action; the necessity of finding a larger financial support; and the importance of achieving a clearer understanding of the aims and strategy of the Council.

Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Associate Executive Director, began his report by calling attention to the necessity for more vigorous programs and procedures in order to carry out the objectives of the Council. His suggestions fell into two groups: (1) the need for full cooperation with agencies and individuals having specific programs in the field of political education and action and in the field of economic action, and (2) the need for research and action with respect to the following regional situations: (a) human relations, (b) law enforcement and law observance, (c) the community and public education, (d) social security, (e) household employment. Dr. Reid said that he recognized the urgency in all these matters, but he recommended that the Council, first, create through research and education an awareness of the acute phases of each of the above situations in every Southern state and, second, design programs for local and south-wide action upon these matters. He recalled that at the first meeting of the Council he had suggested that some attention be given to the holding of an annual south-wide conference of agencies called to discuss and design strategy for attacking imminent problems of the region. He urged again that consideration be given to this suggestion.

In reporting on the development of the study of racial separation in Atlanta's transportation systems, Dr. Reid said that it was undertaken by the Council "as an exploratory study to test whether or not any effective action

could or should be taken by this organization on the problem of racial segregation." The report indicated the nature of "separate-but-equal" transportation facilities in Atlanta and presented methods and lines of action that could be taken toward the elimination of the existing inequalities. (A brief of the findings is on file.)

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Service, said that he came on the Council's staff in June with an assignment to endeavor to find out what would be helpful in the South's effort "to achieve tolerable justice for the returning veterans of both groups." After spending most of the summer reading pamphlets and laws relating to veterans, he reached the conclusion that "a necessary preliminary to doing anything was getting acquainted with the people in each of the thirteen states of the region who are administering services to veterans." Visits to a number of cities and local communities convinced him of the need for Negro personnel in positions dealing with Negro veterans. He was convinced, also, that of all the benefits that are available to the veterans the one which particularly meets the needs of the South is on-the-job training. Dr. Mitchell stressed the importance of widening the opportunity for on-the-job training so that hundreds of thousands of young men and women may take advantage of it. He assured the SRC members that he would be calling on them as he travels over the region.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by Dr. Odum, who requested that any resolutions which the members wished to present be turned over to Mr. Louis I. Jaffe, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. He then called for reports of the Field Secretaries.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly told of the work in her territory, which includes Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. She reported that the Georgia Interracial

Committee, which has a membership of 700 and is now self-supporting, has six local committees, and has had requests to organize local committees in seven other towns. The Fulton-DeKalb (Atlanta) Committee is endeavoring to get Negro policemen for the Atlanta area, and Mrs. Tilly said that the Atlanta Chief of Police and the Journal and Constitution have gone on record as saying that they will support the effort. This committee is working, also, to see that provision is made for Negro doctors to practice in Grady Hospital, and it is cooperating with the Urban League of Atlanta in the effort to bring about improvements in the local schools for Negroes. Mrs. Tilly told of visits to Kentucky and to the race relations institute in Nashville and said that she would go to Mississippi on November 15 for a conference concerning the returning veterans. She reported that the Council was one of the sponsors of the Georgia Rural Health Conference, which met in Atlanta September 13-14 (and of which she was Chairman), and that the staff had cooperated in the workshops for Methodist women which were held in seven cities in Georgia. It was Mrs. Tilly's opinion that the state committees will be "fields of action, but that the problem of financing them is one yet to be solved." This problem, she stated, must be "thrown into the laps of the Board of Directors."

Mrs. Henry Havens spoke briefly of the work in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. She reported that during the past year the Florida Interracial Council has supplied speakers for various church and civic organizations and groups. On October 30 of this year the State Council voted to become the first state division of the SRC, and its program, she said, "will be the program of the SRC brought down to the level of the state." Mrs. Havens referred to the South Carolina Committee of the SRC as a "committee of action," and expressed the opinion that its pattern might well be copied by any other committee. She reported that the South Carolina Committee had resolved that it was the moral obligation of each white member to accompany one of the Negro members of the committee to the place

of registration to see that the Negro was registered to vote, and that if any discrimination was shown it was the duty of the white member to testify at the proper time. Mrs. Havens told of attending the annual meeting of the Virginia Committee in Richmond and the meeting of the Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation in Norfolk. She reported that the Women's Council had conducted a campaign to have Negroes added to the Norfolk police force and that at their meeting it was suggested that men who had been trained as MPs or SPs might be employed. As a result of this effort, two Negroes have qualified and have just been added to the force. It is expected that this will encourage other cities in Virginia to take similar action.

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Chairman of the Kentucky Interracial Committee, was asked to report concerning the Kentucky Governor's Commission on Negro Affairs, of which he is chairman. He stated that this is a fact-finding body, appointed last year, and that it has just completed a report which will lay the ground work for real action -- "action supported by facts instead of grievances." The Commission, he said, is divided into five sections: civil affairs, education, economic affairs, health, and housing and social welfare -- "all interested in working together <u>with</u>, rather than <u>for</u>, Negro people."

The report of the Committee on Fellows was read by Mr. J. T. Taylor, in the absence of Dr. Goodrich C. White, co-chairman. The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

(1) That a letter be written to each Fellow, with an outline of the on-the-job training program which is available to veterans and a request that each Fellow visit a suggested list of local officials who might inform the Fellow as to the on-the-job training opportunities available and already in use, or not yet developed, in the community, the Fellow to forward the findings to the Southern Regional Council.

(2) That the following list of nominations for Fellows be accepted, and that the Executive Directors be authorized to extend invitations to any persons whom they consider qualified:

Miss Reynall Goodman, Richmond, Virginia
Miss Louise Harrison Hagner, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.
Mrs. Reid Dunn, Richmond, Virginia
John D. Lane, Clemson College, South Carolina
John R. Larkins, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Raleigh, North Carolina
Dr. Rosamonde Wimberly, Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Chester Cowart, Jacksonville, Florida
Howard McClain, Campbell College, Buie's Creek, North Carolina
Harry Williams, formerly with TVA, Institute for Research in Social Science, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Douglas Hunt, Jr., Chairman, Southern Students Conference, Chapel Hill
Maurice Clifford, Negro co-chairman of Southern Students Conference, Howard University Medical School, Washington, D. C.
Paul Clanton, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Neal McLeon, Bricks Rural Life School, Bricks, North Carolina
George C. Cooper, Director Veteran's Bureau, Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mrs. Virginia Cobb, Durham, North Carolina
Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle, Pastor, Methodist Church, Madison, North Carolina

On motion, duly seconded-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Fellows be approved.

Dr. Alexander called attention to the Institute on Race Relations, which is conducted at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, for a period of three weeks each summer. He said he felt that this Institute, which is composed of a national student body of white and colored people, could be helpful to the Council's Fellows. He recommended, therefore, that the Executive Director send them information concerning it.

Mr. Virginius Dabney reported the following recommendations from the joint meeting of the Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Publications, which was held the night of November 13:

(1) That the format of the Council's monthly publication, THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, be changed to pocket size; that a plan for special quarterly issues be adopted and that the name of the publication be changed to THE NEW SOUTH.

(2) That the yearly subscription price of THE NEW SOUTH be $1.00, including special quarterly issues; that the yearly subscription to all SRC publications, including THE NEW SOUTH, be $2.00; and that those subscribing for all publications be eligible for membership if they wish it.

Mr. Dabney moved the adoption of the joint report of the Committees on Publications and Public Relations and the motion was duly seconded. Dr. Clark

Foreman informed the Council, however, that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare is incorporating its educational work in a separate press under the name of the New South Press. Therefore, a substitute motion was made and seconded, and

2. IT WAS VOTED that the joint report of the Committees on Publications and Public Relations be adopted, with the exception of the reference to the name of the publication, the selection of the name to be left to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions was asked to retire and prepare its report.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement reported nine recommendations from the Board of Directors, as follows:

✓ (1) That the portion of ARTICLE VI, Section 1, which reads:

"The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board,"

be amended by striking out the words,

"except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board."

(Purpose of amendment to remove a conflict with ARTICLE V, Section 1.)

On motion, duly seconded-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

✓ (2) That the portion of ARTICLE IV, Section 1, which reads:

"Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board shall hold office for four years ..."

be amended to read,

"Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of members or of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years ..."

(Present wording in conflict with the remainder of the Section, since all directors are elected by the members except those who are elected by the Board to fill vacancies.)

On motion, duly seconded-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

✓ (3) That ARTICLE II, Section 6, concerning a quorum, which reads as follows, be deleted:

"At all meetings of members the presence, in person or by proxy, of not less than one-fourth of the entire membership, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence

of a quorum the members present in person or by proxy at the time and place fixed by Section 3 of this ARTICLE II for an annual meeting, or fixed by the notice of a special meeting, or at the time and place of any adjournment thereof, by majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over sixty days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified."

On motion, duly seconded-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

(4) That ARTICLE II, Section 7, which reads:

"Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure."

be amended by the following addition:

"Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors."

On motion, duly seconded-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

(5) That that portion of ARTICLE II, Section 3, which reads:

"The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in October ..."

be amended to read,

"The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November ..."

On motion, duly seconded-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

(6) That the annual dues be set at $2.00 for regular members and $5.00 for sustaining members.

On motion, duly seconded-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be approved.

(7) That all standing committees, with the exception of the Finance Committee, be dissolved as of the first of the year.

On motion, duly seconded-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be approved.

(8) With reference to the Segregation Study reported by Dr. Reid, the Board recommends:

a - That we instruct the Executives of the Southern Regional Council to initiate through Atlanta citizens an action program for Atlanta, on the basis of material gathered.

b - That we instruct the Executives to take steps to initiate similar studies and action in other Southern communities.

c - That in addition to transportation, as rapidly as resources are available, the questions of health, education, and other fields where the "separate but equal" practices prevail will be covered.

d - That the Executives be instructed to draw up, as rapidly as possible, a plan for the implementation and extension of this study to other cities, with the idea of getting funds to carry out the program.

Mrs. E. G. Mackay asked that the words "practices prevail" in No. 3 be changed to "theories exist."

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be approved, with the substitution of the words "theories exist" for "practices prevail" in No. 3.

Mrs. Hamilton said that she would like to ask three questions: "(1) Do I understand that there are now funds which can be designated to carry out No. 1? (2) Is the question of extending the work dependent upon securing additional funds? (3) By supporting this vote, then, we really are saying that we urge that that will be the major item which will be used as a basis for securing additional support immediately, are we not?"

Dr. Odum replied that the Executive Committee at any time, on recommendation of the Executives, can vote money for specific phases of this study within budget limitations.

The Board of Directors recommends, further-

(9) That when members of the Board are elected to the staff their membership on the Board be declared vacant by reason of election to the staff.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be amended to read,

> That when members of the Board are elected to the staff, with the exception of the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director, their membership on the Board be declared vacant by reason of election to the staff.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee for membership on the Board of Directors were read by the Chairman, Msgr. McNamara, as follows:

> That the following whose terms expire at this time be elected to succeed themselves: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Rufus E. Clement, Ernest Delpit, Leonard Haas, E. A. McDowell, L. D. Milton, F. D. Patterson, J. G. Pollard, Jr., G. D. Rogers, and Forrester B. Washington.

On motion, duly seconded-

12. IT WAS VOTED that the persons nominated be elected to the Board of Directors for a four-year term.

Dr. Washington said that he had been "very much impressed and happy" to hear the emphasis upon action all through this meeting. The question of whether this Council is an organization for action or for research has been raised during the past year or two, he said, and to clear up any misunderstanding he offered the following motion, which was duly seconded:

> The Southern Regional Council was originally organized as an action agency in the field of southern economic and social problems involving all the people. In line with that original purpose, the members here assembled reaffirm this "action principle" as the policy of the Council and instruct the executive officers to follow this policy and engage in only so much research as is necessary for the development of action based upon adequate facts.

Mr. R. P. Daniel, speaking to the motion, said that he had received a great deal of inspiration from this meeting and would take back to Florida a renewed confidence in the work and a renewed inspiration to carry out the program which has been planned in Florida. He felt that the motion was unnecessary and stated that he proposed to vote against it.

13. IT WAS VOTED that the motion be approved.

Msgr. McNamara said that, inasmuch as the by-laws require that the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer be elected by the

Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee proposed the following amendment to the by-laws:

That in Article VI, Section 1, concerning Executive Officers, a sentence reading, "The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be elected by vote of the Executive Committee upon the recommendations of a committee whose function shall be the selection and nomination of these officers," be inserted immediately following the sentence which reads, "The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation," and

That the portion of this Section 1, which reads,

"The executive officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members, and each such officer shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year and until his successor shall have been fully chosen and qualified..."

be amended to read,

"The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified..."

On motion, duly seconded-

14. IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Jaffe reported that, as there had not been sufficient time for the Resolutions Committee to pass on all the resolutions submitted to them, it was decided to present first those upon which the Committee had taken action and to report without recommendation those which they had not been able to review.

The Committee recommended that the following resolutions (Nos. 1 through 4) be adopted:

(1) WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has passed the bill to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting in federal elections, and

WHEREAS, a majority of the senators have committed themselves in writing to vote for this bill when it comes before the senate, and

WHEREAS, there is now no question about the desire of Congress to pass the bill, but merely one of whether democracy in this country will be frustrated by a filibuster, we are, therefore,

RESOLVED to urge upon President Truman, Senator Barkley, and all our elected representatives in Congress to prove to the people of this country and to the world that democracy can work in this country by holding HR 7 before the Senate until the Senate has had a chance to vote upon it.

The question of whether the Council could support a bill and legally remain a tax-exempt organization was raised. It was pointed out that the resolution does not call for the passage of HR 7, but asks only that democracy be allowed to function.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

15. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

(2) WHEREAS, the U. S. Supreme Court on April 3, 1944, declared unconstitutional the Democratic White Primary because it excluded Negroes solely on the grounds of race; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Federal District Court at Macon, Georgia, on October 12, 1945, declared the Georgia White Primary in violation of the 14th, 15th, and 17th Amendments to the Federal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Negroes are voting in the Democratic Primary in several Southern states without interracial friction, and

WHEREAS, the Primary election in Georgia is the only time a citizen can effectively express a choice between those who are to hold public office, and

WHEREAS, we believe the right to vote is basic and fundamental to American democracy,

BE IT RESOLVED that we heartily praise the decision of Judge Davis in the Georgia case and urge that no attempts be made by responsible officials to circumvent this decision and continue to deny qualified Negroes the right to vote in the Primary elections.

On motion, duly seconded-

16. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

(3) The members of the Southern Regional Council, having noticed that in comparatively few places and agencies are Negro personnel used in interviewing and advising returning veterans, and

Believing that many Negro veterans would be best served by Negro interviewers and officials,

Do urge that every effort be made throughout the South to have agencies serving veterans include a due proportion of trained Negro personnel.

On motion, duly seconded-

17. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

(4) WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Council recognizes that the attainment of "equal opportunity for all people in the South" requires measures which will encourage and promote full and fair employment in every Southern community,

THEREFORE, we urge the uncompromising support of legislation, appropriation, and programs which have the following purposes:

a - To promote fair employment practices of the Federal Government, firms engaged in interstate commerce, and trade unions affecting interstate commerce;

b - To assist in the attainment of full employment;

c - To develop an adequate program of public work based on community needs during periods of economic slack;

d - To insure a maximum of at least $25.00 per week as Unemployment Compensation;

e - To insure a basic minimum wage of 65 cents per hour.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we authorize and direct the executive staff of the Southern Regional Council to initiate and cooperate in the effort to achieve support of these ends.

It was moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. After discussion a substitute motion was made and seconded, and

18. IT WAS VOTED that the ideas presented in this resolution be endorsed and turned over to the Executive Committee, with instructions to work out a program if and when deemed advisable for suitable implementation and action.

The question was asked as to whether the executive officers could send resolutions or telegrams with respect to such things as the FEPC without instructions from the Executive Committee. It was Dr. Clement's opinion that the Executive Directors should do nothing of this nature that they have not been instructed to do.

The following resolutions (Nos. 5 through 7) which had not been considered by the Resolutions Committee were reported without recommendation:

(5) WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Council is aware of the serious deficiencies revealed by the war in the provisions for the educational opportunities for Negroes; of the abuses in the administration of Federal funds for the technical training for Negroes, when separate schools exist; of the sub-standard quality of education throughout the entire Southern Region, and of the educational needs of the returning veteran;

THEREFORE, we urge support of legislation designed to equalize educational opportunity throughout the nation. We further urge that safeguards be established to guarantee the benefit of any and all such programs equally to persons without regard to race, color, or creed.

We urge, further, that surplus war property be distributed in such manner as to increase the facilities available for the technical education of Negroes, particularly throughout the Southern Region.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

19. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

(6) WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Council appreciates the importance to full and fair employment in the Southern Region of maintaining a national employment service during the period of reconversion,

RESOLVED, that we, thereby, support the Murray Bill which amends the Wagner-Peyser Act and provides that the United States Employment Service will be retained with the Federal Government until June, 1947; and which specifies that, when the employment service is subsequently returned to the various states, war service employees will be taken over by the states, and that qualifying examinations must be given by the states to employees within twelve months after the employment service is returned to them,

RESOLVED, that we urge that the Dirksen Rider to the Senate Appropriations Bill, which calls for the return of United States Employment Service to the states within thirty days after passage of the Bill, be amended to bring it in agreement with the Murray Bill (S. 1510);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we authorize the communication of this action of the Southern Regional Council to President Truman, to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and to the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

We authorize the executive staff to initiate and cooperate in efforts to achieve these ends.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Dr. Clement then offered a substitute motion, which was duly seconded, after which

20. IT WAS VOTED that it is the sense of this body that the United States Employment Service should remain in the control of the Federal Government.

(7) WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Council recognizes the inequalities, inequities, and inadequacies which prevail throughout the Southern Region in public school facilities for white and Negro children, we recognize the opportunity offered in many southern communities, by proposals and plans for the postwar improvement of public schools, to remove existing differentials.

THEREFORE, we urge that any and all plans for improvement of educational opportunity throughout the Southern Region include funds for the improvement of the Negro schools proportionate to the existing need, in order that prevailing discrepancies in public school facilities provided for white and Negro children be removed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we authorize the executive staff of the Southern Regional Council to cooperate in efforts to realize this objective.

Dr. Guy Johnson pointed out that a very similar resolution was passed at the annual meeting last year and, upon request, he read it. (See SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL 1945.) He doubted whether the Council would help itself if it made a practice of passing the same resolutions year after year. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that the situation in regard to education is still the same and that the SRC should reiterate the action taken last year. On motion, duly seconded-

21. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

In concluding the report of the Resolutions Committee, Mr. Jaffe offered the following resolutions:

(1) That the Executive Director prepare a resolution expressing regret on the retirement of Dr. Ira DeA. Reid as Associate Director and thanks to him for the fine report he has prepared on the Segregation Study; also expressing the hope that he will continue to work with the Council in some capacity.

(2) That a resolution be prepared expressing the thanks of this body to Atlanta University for its hospitality and for the fine luncheon today.

On motion, duly seconded-

22. IT WAS VOTED that the resolutions be adopted.

Mr. Jaffe offered the following motion, which was seconded-

That, as a matter of future practice, the President of the Southern Regional Council appoint a Committee on Resolutions, immediately upon the convening of this body, to entertain resolutions at the opening session of the conference, and that a special meeting be held at which all resolutions will be introduced.

A substitute motion was made and seconded, and

23. IT WAS VOTED that the President of the Southern Regional Council appoint a Resolutions Committee which will be a standing committee.

On motion, duly seconded-

24. IT WAS VOTED that the President appoint a Nominating Committee which will be a standing committee.

Mrs. Hamilton suggested that in planning future annual meetings adequate time be allowed for the consideration of program matters. She pointed out that during this meeting the consideration of several important matters was delayed until the end of the meeting when it was not possible to give sufficient thought to them.

Mr. Wm. H. Bell called attention to the fact that there are three minority groups in Texas -- Negroes, Indians, and Mexicans -- and urged that the Council inform itself concerning the Mexicans and Indians so that they might be included in the organization's program.

On motion, duly seconded-

25. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution concerning the poll tax be sent to President Truman, with a copy to Senator Barkley, and that it be given to the press.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 14, 1945

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, as it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person (or by proxy,) or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

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ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members,

provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The President, the Vice President, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and three Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on

matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The executive officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members, and each such officer shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year and until his successor shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

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Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice President. Each additional Vice President, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia. "

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

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Annual Meeting Southern Regional Council Atlanta, Nov. 13, 1946

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

The year 1946 has brought many things. Perhaps we can best characterize it as a period of reaction. The Nation has "let down" after its great war effort, and the inevitable conservative and reactionary trend has made itself felt in unmistakable ways.

Here in the South we have witnessed the reelection of Senator Bilbo, the come-back of Governor Talmadge, and the renewal of efforts to retain or restore the white primary. We have seen serious racial disturbances at Columbia, Tennessee, and Athens, Alabama, and an upsurge of lynchings climaxed by the most horrible crime of this sort that has been committed in many years--the cold-blooded killing of two Negro men and their wives in Walton County, Georgia. Union organizers have been beaten and Negroes, especially veterans, have increasingly felt the force of extra-legal discipline, sometimes at the hands of officers of the law. We have also seen the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and the formation of other hate groups, the latest of which is the Columbians of Atlanta, who, we are glad to say, now find themselves in serious difficulties with the police department.

Yes, the trend is discouraging, and we may as well face the fact that it will probably get worse. It complicates our problem, because it is the very antithesis of what this Council stands for, but we must accept the challenge and work all the harder for those things which we know to be right.

Now let me present briefly the highlights of what the Council has been doing and trying to do during 1946.

At this time last year we reported that the Council had been asked to assist with a survey of the Negro community in Jacksonville, Florida. We were authorized to proceed with this. The survey was under the auspices of the Jacksonville Council of Social Agencies and was financed by the Community Chest. Our staff contributed assistance from the planning stage in December on through the editing stage in April. Florida A. & M. College also loaned some personnel for the survey. Dr. Trigg and I made frequent visits to Jacksonville during the Survey, and although it took a good deal more time and expense than we had anticipated, we feel that the results more than justified the expense. The survey was printed by the Council of Social Agencies under the title, Jacksonville Looks At Its Negro Community. The first edition of 500 copies has been exhausted and a new printing is being made.

We believe that the Jacksonville survey was worthwhile on several counts. First, it was a local product. We helped with techniques for fact-finding, but we imposed no recommendations. Every recommendation was agreed upon by local committees. Second, there was a high degree of participation in the work. Over 150 civic leaders, white and Negro, worked on the survey in one way or another. This in itself was a valuable educational process. Third, there is a determined follow-up on the recommendations of the survey, and several of them have already been implemented.

Numerous inquiries about the survey have come to us and to the Jacksonville Council of Social Agencies, and we know that several cities are planning to undertake surveys on the Jacksonville pattern.

Last year you heard a report on a study of the so-called separate-but-

equal transportation facilities in the Atlanta area which was made under the direction of Dr. Ira DeA. Reid. One of our assignments this year was to get action for the equalization of such services. This difficult task has fallen largely upon the shoulders of Mrs. M.E. Tilly, who will report on what has been done. There are no spectacular achievements, but there has been effort and there will be more effort. Let me add that we are now preparing an educational pamphlet entitled "Separate But Equal?" and that we are negotiating for the production of a film strip which will utilize the photographic material collected in the Atlanta study.

On February 25 there began a series of tragic racial incidents at Columbia, Tennessee. On the following day Dr. George Mitchell went to Columbia and made a preliminary investigation. Later Mrs. Tilly, Mr. W. B. Twitty, and Mr. Marcus Gunter visited Columbia and gathered additional information. It took time to get at the essential truth about a situation which had been aggravated by biased and inflamatory public statements, pro and con. However, early in the game we were convinced that there had been violations of civil rights, and we urged the U.S. Department of Justice to institute a federal grand jury hearing. Early in April we placed a confidential report in the hands of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice, and we have reason to believe that it was helpful to them.

In New South for May the Council's report on Columbia was published, and about 6000 copies have been distributed. The reaction to the report has been gratifying, and we believe that the Council rendered a constructive service in its Columbia report.

The acquittal of all but two of the Columbia defendants at the Lawrenceburg trials was one of the bright spots in the Southern picture this year. A friend at Columbia writes: "I am glad to say that since the verdict of the jury our race relations are, for the time being, improving. However, there is likely

to be trouble again unless we can plan a program of prevention." You will be interested to know that one of our staff is going to Columbia soon to help organize a Council group there.

When the Walton County lynchings took place in July, one week after the Georgia primary, we issued a public statement and posted a reward of $1000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the lynchers. When Mr. Talmadge, in discussing this atrocity, stated that he was glad to say that no lynching had occurred while he was governor of Georgia, we challenged his statement and pointed out that the records showed 14 lynchings during his three terms as governor. This statement was publicized throughout the country.

All of us are disappointed by the fact that nearly four months have elapsed since the Walton County lynchings without any arrests being made. However, we are still confident that this case is going to break.

The attitude of Governor Arnall and Major William Spence, Director of Public Safety, deserves the highest commendation. They have shown none of the defensiveness or evasiveness which all too frequently are shown by public officials in such a situation, but rather they have thrown all of their resources into the investigation and have wholeheartedly welcomed the cooperation of the FBI. A federal grand jury will convene next month to hear evidence concerning the lynchings.

Mrs. Tilly has investigated the Walton County tragedy, as well as several other instances of violence during the past few months. She has also taken steps to revive the work of the Association of Georgia Women for the Prevention of Lynching. This work will be revived throughout the South as soon as possible through cooperation with women's religious organizations.

We have kept an eye on the Ku Klux Klan and other undemocratic organizations and have tried to combat them by public statements and counter-propaganda.

In cooperation with several agencies here in Georgia, we have worked out some rather effective counter activities against certain agencies. We want to continue this work, so we shall not reveal the details at this time.

Time does not permit a full report on assistance which the Council has given in several cases involving legal rights. The general principle which we follow is this: if the case is of the sort usually handled by the NAACP, we refer the party to the NAACP; if the party merely needs competent legal assistance, we put him in touch with a sympathetic lawyer, and, where necessary, offer to pay a portion of the legal fees.

In the field of the police and law enforcement, two needs are more apparent than ever: (1) higher professional standards of police officers, especially in their handling of minority groups, and (2) greater use of Negro policemen. As you know, we are committed to work on both of these needs. We have made little headway on the first, because we simply have not had the time and resources to do all we would like to do, but we have made some progress in the writing of a manual on human relations for police officers, and we would like to make this one of our major projects for the coming year. As for Negro policemen, we have had opportunities to do a good deal of educational work on the subject. We are happy to report that the idea of using Negro police is spreading steadily. In the past twelve months the following cities have employed Negro Policemen: Tampa (4), Ahoskie, N.C. (1), Asheville, N.C.(2), Summerton, S.C. (2 ~~exact number not known~~), Port Arthur, Texas (1), Newport News, Virginia (2), Richmond, Va, (4), Roanoke, Va. (2). This brings the total of such cities in the South to 37. In addition cities already having Negro policemen added 39 Negro men and 4 Negro women to their ranks. The City Council of Dallas, Texas, has recently voted to employ Negro police, and the Chief of Police plans to use fourteen men as soon as they can be trained.

Being a non-political agency, the Council has refrained from becoming involved in the various political campaigns which have created so much heat during the past year. However, we have stood up for the right of all qualified persons to vote, and we have fought against efforts to undo the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Smith vs. Allwright. The best work of this sort was done by Dr. R. L. Russell, Director of our affiliate, the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, during the effort of the Talmadge forces to purge Negroes from the voting lists in June and July.

By far the most extensive and effective project of the Council this year has been the Veterans Service Project, under the direction of Dr. George S. Mitchell. You will hear a report on this by Dr. Mitchell in a few minutes, so I shall not discuss it here, but I would like to say this: the Veterans Service Project is a forceful demonstration of what this Council could do to serve the cause of progress in the South if it had adequate financial resources.

Our state divisions, Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina, have grown in size and effectiveness. Florida and Mississippi have adopted "Equalization of Educational Opportunities" as their major projects and have already begun work on them. Last month the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation affiliated with the Council. In February we held our second conference of the directors of our state divisions and affiliates, a conference which was very helpful all around. In Tennessee and Louisiana, where there are no state interracial groups, we have been able to do some special promotional work in preparation for setting up state divisions of the Council in the near future. Our greatest need is still more field workers who can work constantly with state and local committees. All of us on the staff have many more demands on our time for this work than we can possibly do justice to.

The honorary Fellows of the Council have given volunteer services in various ways. Ever since the Fellows were first appointed we have wanted to bring them together for a conference. Tomorrow and the next day the Fellows meet here for their first conference. This has been made possible through a grant from the General Education Board.

The Council how has 1650 members, a gain of slightly over 100% percent for the year. We have a cultivation list of several thousand, and we are using a systematic method of cultivation with pretty good results. We hope to be able to report next year that the present membership has at least doubled.

We believe you will agree that the Council's publications have increased in attractiveness and effectiveness. New South, which replaced The Southern Frontier in January, has received many commendations. Its circulation runs from 4000 to 6000 per issue. Through the ingenuity of Ray Warwick, our Public Relations Director, and the cooperation of various scholars, the Council has been able to issue such timely publications as Rupert Vance's Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation, Dorothy Dickins' Wanted: A Healthy South, and Arthur Raper's Machines in the Cotton Fields. These pamphlets are being used extensively by college classes, study groups, and public agencies.

Here let me say a word about our staff. It is a group which works hard and which works more harmoniously than any other I have ever been associated with. There are both gains and losses to report. Dr. Trigg came to us as Associate Director last January, and he has won a high place in the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. Dr. Ira Reid served as our research consultant until September, when he left Atlanta University to serve as visiting professor at New York University. Miss Jane Martin, who served loyally and efficiently on our secretarial staff for two years, became Mrs. Lynn O'Brien in September and moved to Syracuse. We have recently had the good fortune to

secure the services of Mrs. Ruby Ramos, who was in the employ of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation some years ago. It is with the deepest regret that I tell you that Miss Emily Clay has submitted her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer. She and her family are moving to Florida shortly. We envy her the peaceful life she says she is going to live in Florida, but we shall never really be able to fill her place here. In her twenty years with the Commission and her three years with the Council, Miss Clay has labored unselfishly in the cause of racial understanding and justice. She has our gratitude and our good wishes as she goes to her new home.

In your program booklet you will see some additional notes on the services rendered by the Council. On the wall here you will see the publications which we have in print and a selection of clippings which may indicate, among other things, that the Council makes news and has friendly relations with the press.

It has been a little less than three years since we held the Charter Meeting of the Council in this room. Much has happened since that first meeting. The Council has lived through the crisis of its childhood, and now it is beginning to find its real career. We hope and believe that it has demonstrated honesty and integrity in its policies, its investigations, its publications, and its programs of action. What it needs now is a chance to grow and to express its potentialities in full.

On account of the trends which I mentioned in the beginning, the liberal cause is not going to be popular for the next few years. But we must not be discouraged. The darker the night, the brighter the stars. There are many stars of hope shining. There is a steady trend toward democracy which will not be totally eclipsed by the present reaction. The South has more wealth, more income, more human skills, than it has ever had before. It is beginning to feel its power, to be confident, to be aggressive. It is a giant rising from a long sleep, a giant with one hand chained. Our task is to break that chain and give the two hands a chance to work together.

Approved 4/4/47 WM.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Annual Meeting
November 13, 1946

The annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, November 13, 1946. Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, who asked Rabbi Stanley Brav to give the invocation.

The following members attended:

1. Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
2. R. B. Atwood
3. Mrs. L. M. Awtrey
4. W. Barton Beatty, Jr.
5. A. D. Beittel
6. Moses S. Belton
7. J. E. Blanton
8. Harry Boyte
9. Stanley R. Brav
10. T. Ruth Brett
11. J. Henry Brown
12. Mrs. W. C. Burns
13. Walter R. Chivers
14. Emily H. Clay
15. Frank W. Clelland
16. Rufus E. Clement
17. Virginius Dabney
18. Mrs. Annie Lee Davis
19. E. W. Dixon
20. Witherspoon Dodge
21. Kenneth Douty
22. Mrs. F. P. Drake
23. S. E. Duncan
24. Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin
25. R. B. Eleazer
26. John R. Ewbank
27. Margaret Fisher
28. Margaret Fletcher
29. Clark Foreman
30. Sam F. Freeman, Jr.
31. Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
32. Charles G. Gomillion
33. C. G. Gresham
34. John A. Griffin
35. Mrs. Jessie P. Gusman
36. Leonard Haas
37. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
38. Josephine Hamilton
39. Gordon B. Hancock
40. Mrs. A. A. Hardy
41. Mrs. Henry Havens
42. Jacob R. Henderson
43. P. W. Hill
44. W. Hardin Hughes
45. M. H. Jackson
46. Annie Tait Jenkins
47. Cyrus M. Johnson
48. Guy B. Johnson
49. Mrs. Guion G. Johnson
50. Stetson Kennedy
51. Flemmie P. Kittrell
52. John R. Larkins
53. Lucy R. Mason
54. Benjamin E. Mays
55. Frank McCallister
56. E. A. McDowell
57. Marjorie McLachlan
58. T. James McNamara
59. Mildred R. Mell
60. Mrs. Mary Raoul Millis
61. George S. Mitchell
62. Alfred Mynders
63. M. Mae Neptune
64. N. C. Newbold
65. C. H. Parrish
66. F. D. Patterson
67. J. G. Pollard, Jr.
68. Margaret Price
69. W. R. Ragland
70. Florence M. Read
71. Rebecca Reid
72. Allyn P. Robinson
73. G. D. Rogers
74. Lester Rumble
75. Charles D. Saxon
76. C. A. Scott
77. J. W. Seabrook
78. Mrs. Philip E. Shulhafer
79. James O. Slade
80. Mrs. W. B. Suddeth
81. Jewel M. Tatum
82. Mrs. A. Louise Taylor
83. L. E. Terrell
84. A. L. Thompson
85. Mrs. Inez B. Tillison
86. Mrs. M. E. Tilly

87. L. M. Tobin
88. Harold L. Trigg
89. Mrs. Lee Turman
90. J. M. Tydings
91. Wilma van Dusseldorp
92. Mrs. C. A. Ver Nooy
93. Mrs. Anna Warwick
94. Ray Warwick
95. Josephine Wilkins
96. Edward B. Williams
97. Paul D. Williams
98. G. D. Wilson
99. Harry L. Wright
100. M. A. Wright
101. Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

Others present:

1. Mrs. J. E. Blanton
2. John K. DeLoach
3. John Wesley Dobbs
4. Mrs. Kenneth Douty
5. Mrs. Mabel Faulkner
6. Mrs. John C. Hart
7. M. C. Hill
8. William S. Howland
9. Laurence C. Jones
10. A. F. Miller
11. Mrs. George S. Mitchell
12. Mrs. Marie F. Saxon
13. Turner L. Smith, Chief Civil Rights Section, Dept. Justice Washington, D. C. (Guest speaker)
14. Mary Jane Willett

After welcoming the members, Mr. Williams reported that a committee composed of Msgr. T. James McNamara, Mr. Louis I. Jaffe, and Dr. Rufus E. Clement, had reviewed the minutes and had notified the Secretary that the minutes are accurate. On motion, duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the annual meeting of November 14, 1945, be approved.

Mr. Williams told the group that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on the day before there had been discussion concerning the presentation of resolutions at the annual meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that resolutions were presented too late in the day at the last annual meeting to allow proper consideration before the vote was taken. Having this in mind, he stated, it was decided by the Board of Directors that the members would be asked to submit written resolutions to the Committee at the close of the morning session. He announced that Mr. M. A. Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee would accept resolutions before luncheon but that none would be accepted after that time.

Mr. Williams gave report of the President's activities during the past year, listing many speaking engagements and attendance at committee meetings nationally. He stated that two of the most important trips he made were visits to the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board, the two chief foundations which make the work of the SRC possible. He stated that his business is in the educational field with a

publishing company, which allows for an expense account, and that all trips were made at no expense to the Council.

The President talked for a few moments on "The Tactics of Progress," bringing out several questions on the philosophy and methods of the activities of the SRC. He stated there are two major approaches to the problem involved in human relations (1) pressure from the outside, or (2) acting as a leaven from within. Some of the questions which arise are whether or not the Council should act as a leaven or utilize outside pressure, or both, and in what ratio; to what extent are we duplicating methods and procedures of other organizations; how much and what kind of publicity should we seek; how much direct action should the central office staff take and how much left to the local leaders? He stated some of these questions would be clarified in the reports of staff members. He expressed the need for more financial support so that more field staff can be employed. As SRC strives to advance in age, grace and wisdom, he stated, it is well to remember our primary purpose: To help in transforming sectional isolationism into regional cooperation, racial friction into bi-racial understanding and helpfulness, religious prejudice into rivalry only in doing good.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director, gave a review of the year's work. He stated that the present trend is discouraging with the reelection of Senator Bilbo and the comeback of Talmadge, but stated that we must accept the challenge and work all the harder for those things which we know are right. He reported highlights of accomplishments during the past year, among them: The Jacksonville Survey of its Negro community; progress on the separate-but-equal transportation study; Columbia, Tennessee, investigation and report; investigation of Walton County lynchings; several cases involving legal rights; Negro police; voting; veterans project; state divisions; publications, etc. He stated that the Council has 1,650 members, a gain of over 100% for the year. (A full report of Dr. Johnson's and Mr. Williams' remarks will be found in the December, 1946, issue of New South.)

After Dr. Johnson's report, he told the members that he had come to a decision to leave the work next year and return to the University of North Carolina. He stated that he was proud to have had a part in the work of the Council, that he

believed his greatest contribution could be made by returning to Chapel Hill, and that someone else could direct the Council better from here on. His final decision to leave SRC had been so recent, he stated, that certain details remain to be worked out. He had discussed the matter with the Executive Committee and they agreed that the membership should know about it now. As soon as details are arranged, he said, he would submit his resignation, and there would be ample time to chose a successor. He stated that his decision to leave sometime during 1947 would not mean that there would be any let-down in the work.

Mr. Williams commended Dr. Johnson for the fine work he has done as Executive Director, and stated he had found him to be a scholar, and a man of courage, integrity and patience.

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director, talked on "Looking Ahead." He pointed out that the future of SRC is interwoven with the regional movement to bring a more satisfying living to all of the South's 40 million people by giving aid to the trend toward a balanced economy and to the problems incident to the change from the old to the new. He pointed up the South's natural resources and human resources, and stated that the lack of balance in the development of these resources manifests an unhealthy symptom--poverty. He stated that the regional problem in the South is not race but the plight of all men who live so close to proverty and tragedy that their restricted effort is meaningless and non-productive. The solution, he stated, is not simply to dethrone the demagogue, but to reach his followers with a more forceful argument and a sounder program for their betterment. (See New South for December, for a complete transcript of Dr. Trigg's talk.)

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Field Secretary, reported on field work in Georgia and Mississippi. She told of the work in Georgia by Dr. R. L. Russell, Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, (who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness) before the gubernatorial campaign, how he called on all the district attorneys and attended many hearings in the courts when the purge of the registered voters was going on. She told of the work in Mississippi and of sending out letters to ministers over the South about the Ku Klux Klan. She also reported on action which has been

taken by women's church groups on the Segregation Study made by the Council in 1945. (For a detailed report of this, see December New South.) Mrs. Tilly told the group that back of all the work done by the field secretaries was the guidance and direction of Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Henry Havens, Field Secretary, reported concerning the work in Florida and the Eastern Seaboard, with the exception of Georgia. She told of the great pride which the mayor and citizens of Jacksonville take in the Jacksonville Survey, which was made under the supervision of the Council. She stated that in making this study, the thought and effort of citizens of both races were used all the way through. The Committee, headed by Mr. R. P. Daniel, completed the report, "Jacksonville Looks at Its Negro Community," and a continuing committee was appointed to see that the recommendations were carried out. There were results, she stated, almost before the survey was finished. She announced that Florida Division had its first annual meeting the 30th of October, and plans are now being made for a membership campaign. Efforts are being made to build up strength in the local communities against putting Florida primaries back in the party control. She told of trips to North Carolina and to Virginia, and stated that the Norfolk Interracial group wants the Council to help with a survey similar to the Jacksonville Survey.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Services, told of the work of the Veterans Service Division. He told of the surveys of services to Negro veterans made by the Field Agents over the South. He said that quiet persuasion was used in small towns to build a bridge between the official services and the Negro veterans, and generally the agents talked with a great many Negro veterans and encouraged them to apply for benefits, job training or education. He told of the growth over all of the South of new trade training schools for Negro veterans and of the Veterans Administration in the various state departments employing Negro personnel. (For a complete account of Dr. Mitchell's talk, see December New South.)

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read several resolutions which were to come up for action at the afternoon session.

Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, read the list of nominations which were to be considered in the afternoon.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Harry Wright, one of the Field Agents of the Veterans Service Division, told of his work in Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma. At the time of his first visit to Nathez, Mississippi, there were no veterans on job training, and three months later they had more than 100 Negro veterans on job training. In one city, he said, he learned that there were some 88 white veterans on job training and only one Negro veteran in the same town receiving the benefits. Mr. Wright, who is a former marine, told of an experience he had in Oklahoma City when he attended the organizational meeting of the veteran Marines in that area. He stated that he and one other man were the only Negroes present, and there was a little embarrassment when the membership forms were passed out. He asked whether, if he joined there, his membership could be transferred to his home state. The Chairman suggested that the Negro members form their own organization. There was some discussion, and finally a woman ex-Marine told the group that she would resign unless something was done about the matter on an equal basis.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mr. Turner Smith, a native Georgian and Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Washington. He said that there has been very close cooperation between the SRC and the Civil Rights Division in everything the Council, has done in the field of civil rights.

Mr. Smith talked informally on the problems of civil rights, and discussed the government's progress in obtaining justice in recent violations of civil rights in the South. Mr. Smith emphasized that present Federal civil rights law was primarily designed to protect the individual from oppression by the government, either Federal or state, and not to protect one individual from another. Answering questions about the Federal government's role in a case like the Monroe

lynchings, Mr. Smith pointed out that the Department of Justice could prosecute only if the state, through any official, was a party to the crime, and could even then obtain conviction only if it could be proved that such an official had wilfully deprived the citizen of his civil rights. He told the members that the Civil Rights Division received more than 30,000 letters, telegrams and other communications from people all over the nation demanding that the perpetrators of the Monroe lynching be brought to justice.

Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report for the first ten months of 1947, and estimated expenditures for November and December. The report showed an estimated deficit at the end of the year of $2,583.51, for the regular budget, and a possible surplus of $1,357.06 in the Veterans Service account. (See reports on file.) On motion made and seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Dr. F. D. Patterson talked for a few moments concerning the financial condition of the Council. He stated that the demand for service has been indicated by the types of reports which have been given, and that more funds are needed to go ahead with the expanded program in the future. The membership of the Council, he said, will increase as evidenced by the 100 per cent increase in 1946, and some support can be expected from members. But success, he stated, will require more funds than can be secured from memberships. He stressed the importance of more small gifts and fewer substantial grants, and asked that every member recognize an obligation to make personal appeals for financial aid for SRC whenever he can.

Mr. Clelland and Dr. McDowell suggested that there be established special student memberships and a membership campaign be undertaken to enlist every student possible. Mrs. Ames suggested that members make pledges to make a contribution between now and January 1st to liquidate the deficit.

Dr. Clement reported the following recommendations from the Board of Directors:

(see next page)

(1) That joint memberships in the Southern Regional Council be established for husband and wife, and that dues for such memberships be $3,00 a year (one set of literature to be sent to one address).

(2) That all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

(3) That in the program for the ensuing year, major emphasis be placed in the following fields: Law enforcement, police training and prevention of violence.

(4) That a pamphlet be issued by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups; this pamphlet to include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

(5) That the Council urge the State Divisions and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

(6) That the matter of selecting a National Advisory Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with the power to act, and that the members of the Board of Directors be asked to make suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning personnel for the Committee.

(7) That the Council accept with regrets the resignation of Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, who is moving to another state.

On motion, duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendations of the Board of Directors be approved.

At this point in the meeting, Msgr. McNamara rose and paid tribute to Miss Clay for her 23 years of consecrated service to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and to the Council. He commended her for the excellent work she has done, praised her quiet efficient manner, and stated that her consecration to the work will well serve as an example to everyone in achieving the goal of the SRC. He presented her with an inscribed silver platter from the Board and staff.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were read by Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman. He submitted the following names of board members whose terms expire in 1946 for reelection for four-year terms.

(See next page)

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Rufus B. Atwood
Louis E. Burnham
William E. Cole
Luther P. Jackson
Louis I. Jaffee
David D. Jones
Gerald P. O'Hara
Raymond Paty
Ira DeA. Reid
Philip H. Shulhafer
Goodrich C. White
Josephine Wilkins

In addition to the above, the following names were submitted as new board members to serve four-year terms.*

Felton Clark, Southern University, Louisiana
Jennings Perry, Nashville, Tennessee
Edgar Ray, Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Florida
Emily H. Clay, Atlanta, Georgia
D. V. Jemison, Selma, Alabama

On motion made and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the persons nominated be elected to the Board of Directors for four-year terms.

On request of one of the members present, Dr. Clement read the complete list of the Board of Directors and the date of expiration of terms. (See list in file.)

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported the resolutions which had been approved by the Committee. After discussion and acceptance of certain revisions, the first resolution read as follows:

> The Southern Regional Council, Inc., wishes to record its considered judgment that the cause of better understanding and good will between the races in the South has made steady advancement in the last two decades. A more enlightened press, churches and other organizations concerned with the application of genuine religion to human affairs, liberal educators and progressive laymen of both races have shown courage and statesmanship in creating in the South conditions conducive to normal, happy and successful living by all of its citizens.
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> The Council regrets that the results of such consecrated effort should have been to some extent counter-balanced in the post war period by a handful of bigots and assassins. The resurgence of organized intolerance and mob action culminating in the foul slaying of innocent men and women draws upon the South the scorn and contempt of civilized men everywhere.
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> The most disturbing feature of the situation has been the failure of officers of the law to protect their prisoners, to prevent organized murder and to apprehend and punish the guilty. The apparent immunity of lynchers constitutes the most serious indictment of states in which lynching occurs. Official utterances have not always been too reassuring as to the degree or extent of effort to detect.

*All these have accepted except Mr. Jennings Perry.

It is, therefore

RESOLVED: 1. That the Council adopts as one of its principal objectives for the ensuing year the enforcement of all laws designed to thwart or punish mob violence.

2. That it summons to its aid all religious, civic and social institutions and all citizens of the South in creating a sound public opinion deeply antagonistic to organized begotry and mob violence.

On motion, duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Wright then read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Southern Regional Council, Inc. hereby expresses the sincere regret which it feels at the resignation of Miss Emily Clay as Secretary and Treasurer of this organization; its sense of obligation for capable and devoted services rendered by her to it for three years and to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation for twenty years in that official capacity, and its conviction that her skill and zeal have greatly advanced the cause of understanding, tolerance and good will throughout the South.

On motion, duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted with regrets.

Mr. Wright read the following resolution which was submitted by Mr. Alex Miller after the close of the morning session, the deadline which had been set for sending in resolutions for consideration of the resolutions committee.

In view of the alarming state of tension which has developed in certain areas of Atlanta caused by friction in the housing situation, and

In view of the growth of a hate organization called the Columbians who by their actions have aggravated this situation to a degree in which a race riot is a strong possibility,

Therefore, be it resolved

That the Southern Regional Council request Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta to call immediately a conference of civic, business, welfare and community leaders to consider this alarming situation and prepare a housing program not only to ameliorate the present frictions but also to plan for an adequate program on a long-term basis.

There was some discussion concerning this resolution, in which it was pointed out that the Columbians have had considerable amount of publicity, and

any action taken by SRC would mean further publicity for them. Dr. Mays stated that conferences had already been held with the Mayor and with his secretary on the housing situation. Another member pointed out that this resolution was submitted after the deadline set by the Board, and the chair ruled that the resolution could not be considered. Suggestion was made that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

Dr. Foreman stated he hoped there would be continued cooperation between the Council and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and announced that the bienniel conference of that organization would be held in New Orleans on Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. Williams expressed appreciiation to the host, Dr. Rufus Clement, for allowing the Council to hold its meeting at Atlanta University, and expressed gratitude to all members for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison

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Secretary-Treasurer

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 13, 1946

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

PROGRAM

Morning Session

9:30 A. M. -- Registration.

10:00 A. M. -- Call to Order by Paul D. Williams, President of the Council.

Invocation.

Minutes of the 1945 Annual Meeting.

Report on Membership and Finance, by Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Council as I See It, by President Paul D. Williams.

Review of the Year's Work, by Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director.

Looking Ahead, by H. L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director.

Reports by Field Secretaries, by Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Henry Havens.

The Veterans Service Project, by George S. Mitchell, Director, and Harry L. Wright, Field Agent.

General Discussion.

12:30 P. M. -- Recess for Luncheon.

Afternoon Session

2:00 P. M. -- The Federal Government and Civil Rights, by Turner L. Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors.

Report of the Committee on Nominations, by Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions, by Marion A. Wright, Chairman.

Other Business.

Adjournment.

LITERATURE ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

We are not surprised any more by what we find in our mail. It may bring a request for a single copy of a leaflet which was published by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation fifteen years ago, or it may be an order for 500 copies of our latest pamphlet.

It is the requests for information that make us want to tear our hair sometimes. One woman writes: "Don't you think the Negroes are getting out of hand? Please tell me what can be done about it." From California a high school boy writes: "Please tell me all you can about the going on of the youth of the minority group." A North Carolina farmer, having read a notice about our pamphlet Machines in the Cotton Fields, says, "I want to know can you furnish me with tractor tire size 7-50-22 and tube for the same." Seriously, most of the requests are reasonable, and so far we have always managed to answer them.

The following tabulation shows the distribution of orders and requests by states since January 1, 1946. It does not include requests that come over the telephone or by personal visits to the office.

STATE	No. of Orders For Literature	No. of Requests For Information
Alabama	92	8
Arizona	6	1
Arkansas	22	4
California	47	6
Colorado	8	1
Connecticut	11	6
Delaware	1	1
Dist. of Columbia	23	9
Florida	37	7
Georgia	75	18
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	116	8
Indiana	23	2
Iowa	19	3
Kansas	26	1
Kentucky	38	2
Louisiana	43	3
Maine	1	1
Maryland	22	2
Massachusetts	16	1
Michigan	55	5
Minnesota	16	1
Mississippi	62	21
Missouri	9	6
Montana	0	0
Nebraska	7	1
Nevada	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0
New Jersey	32	9

STATE	Literature Requests	Information Requests
New Mexico	4	0
New York	133	30
North Carolina	86	22
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	45	7
Oklahoma	19	1
Oregon	12	16
Pennsylvania	41	3
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	35	10
South Dakota	2	0
Tennessee	96	21
Texas	90	12
Utah	1	0
Vermont	2	3
Virginia	65	15
Washington	11	0
West Virginia	7	2
Wisconsin	18	0
Wyoming	0	0
Foreign Countries	4	3
TOTAL	1498	272

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

Here is a summary showing the number of copies of Council pamphlets and leaflets which were distributed from January 1 to November 1, 1946.

Pamphlet	No. Copies
The Southern Regional Council: its Origin and Purpose	2800
America's Tenth Man	5200
Understanding Our Neighbors	6400
Economic Value of the Negro to the South	2100
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation	11,000
Wanted: A Healthy South	5000
Singers in the Dawn	600
The South: America's Opportunity Number One	2400
New South	45000
Leaflets	55000
TOTAL	135,600

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SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1947 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, the Library of Atlanta University
November 12, 1947

9:30 - 10:00	Registration	
10:00	Invocation	
10:05 - 10:07	Adoption of Order of Business	
10:07 - 10:10	Adoption of Rules	
10:10 - 10:12	Minutes of Meeting of November 13, 1946	
10:12 - 10:17	Announcements of Committees a. Resolutions b. Nominations	
10:17 - 10:45	Opening Remarks by President Williams	
10:45 - 11:05	Activity Reports	
	a. Membership. Miss Margaret Price	2. min.
	b. Publications. Mr. Harold Fleming	5. min.
	c. Conference of State Representatives	5. min.
	d. Fellows. Mr. Robert A. Thompson	3. min.
	e. National Advisory Committee Mr. V. Dabney	5. min.
11:05 - 11:10	Finance - Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer a. Report on 1947 b. Action on Report c. Presentation of budget for 1948	
11:10 - 11:40	Discussion of 1947 Activities. Led by George S. Mitchell, Executive Director	
11:40 - 11:45	Interval	
11:45 - 12:15	Proposed 1948 Program. George S. Mitchell	
12:15 - 12:30	Interval	
12:30 - 1:30	Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:15	Action on 1948 Program. Led by a member of the Executive Committee	
2:15 - 2:45	Action on 1948 Budget. Led by Dr. W. W. Alexander and President F. D. Patterson	
2:45 - 3:30	Reading of and Action on Resolutions. Led by Chairman of Resolutions Committee	
3:30 - 3:45	Election of Board of Directors. Led by Chairman of Nominations Committee	
3:45 - 4:00	Other Business	
4:00	Adjournment	

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1, 1947 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947

Balance in Bank January 1, 1947		$ 538.58
Actual Receipts 1/1/47 - 10/31/47	$61,094.84	
Est. Receipts 11/1/47 - 12/31/47	500.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$61,594.84
TOTAL		$62,133.42

Disbursements:

Actual Disbursements 1/1/47 - 10/31/47		$60,759.98
Est. Disbursements 11/1/47 - 12/31/47:		
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Net Salaries	$4,042.84	
Rent	260.00	
Annual Meeting	1,000.00	
Telephone	80.00	
Travel, etc.	617.16	$ 6,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$66,759.98
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ESTIMATED DEFICIT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1947		4,626.56
TOTAL		$62,133.42

1/Excludes withholding tax of $959.20 which will be due in January 1948. This amount was carried over due to the deficit in the operating funds of the Council.

2/ With inclusion of withholding tax, amounts to $ 5,585.76

Rules for Annual Meeting of the SRC - November 12, 1947

As Proposed by Board of Directors

No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

Speakers to state name and State.

All resolutions shall be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

November 12, 1947

The annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 12, 1947. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, who asked Msgr. T. James McNamara to give the invocation.

The following members were present:

Dr. Will Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Mrs. L. M. Awtry
Mr. C. A. Bacote
Dr. A. D. Beittel
Miss Isabel Chisholm
Miss Emily Clay
Dr. Rufus Clement
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Miss Mary Louise Dabbs
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Mr. Witherspoon Dodge
Mr. Robert Durr
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Dr. Clark Foreman
Miss Opal Futch
Dr. Wm. H. Gardner
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Mr. William H. Gray
Mr. John Griffin
Mr. Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Mrs. Henry Havens
Mr. Jacob R. Henderson
Mrs. Herman Heyman
Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
Mrs. Guion G. Johnson
Dr. Guy B. Johnson
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Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Mildred R. Mell
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. Alfred Mynders
Miss Mae Neptune
Dr. N. C. Newbold
Father Vincent O'Connell
Mr. Philip Ogilvie
Mr. C. H. Parrish
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Mr. Robert A. Thompson
Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Mrs. R. L. Turman
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Mrs. Helen A. Whiting
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mrs. S. P. Williams
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

After welcoming the members, Mr. Williams reported that the Executive Committee had prepared a new type of program for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

On motion made by Mrs. Ames and duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the members accept the order of business as drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Mitchell read the rules of the meeting as follows: (a) "No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body." (b) "Speakers to state name and State." (c) "All resolutions shall be in hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon."

On motion made by Mr. Pollard and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the above rules be accepted.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander, and duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

President Rufus Clement on behalf of Atlanta University extended a word of welcome to the Southern Regional Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

Dr. Alexander, as chairman of the Nominations Committee, reported that his committee had met on Tuesday and at the request of the Board had posted the list of nominations to the Board of Directors on the bulletin board. Mr. Tydings, reporting for the Resolutions Committee, stated that it had been the thought of the Board that all resolutions should be in the hand of the Committee not later than 12:00 o'clock noon.

On motion made by Msgr. McNamara and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that all resolutions for consideration at the Annual Meeting be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee not later than 12:00 o'clock.

OPENING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT WILLIAMS

President Williams stated that he felt that the Council had had a most successful year. In pointing up the past success of the Council, he listed as the chief needs for the coming year: 1. Expansion of the membership in the Council; 2. Concentration on the problem of Civil Rights; 5. Establishment of legal aid set-up; 4. The building up of funds for SRC. He pointed out that industrialization in the "changing South" has left unsolved the chief problem, "total utilization of natural, human, and social resources." He suggested that the chief job of the SRC was the implementation of the Civil Rights Declaration of Principles. He said that once a solution of the problems of the South had been determined, "that solution must be accepted and followed up with resolute courage," and he emphasized the national and international importance of the Council's program in the South. (See printed speech).

At the close of the President's remarks, Dr. Hancock stated that the Council must feel gratified to have found a presidmnt with the courage and vision to carry on the work of the Council in the same energetic pattern set by his predecessor, Dr. Odum.

On motion made by Dr. Hancodk, amended by Mrs. Zeuch, and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Council go on record as thanking the president and endorsing the president's speech, and that his speech be printed and circulated.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Miss Margaret Price, reporting on SRC membership, told the assembly that there are now 2,400 members in the Council. She said that the greatest gains had been made in Florida and South Carolina, and that the gains in these states could be credited to the fact that

they had a staff making personal contacts. She expressed a hope that each person might take it upon himself to be a personal emissary for the SRC.

Mr. Fleming, in his report on publications, stated that the Council's most constant effort in the field of publications had been devoted to New South. There have been 44,000 regular copies printed, with a total distribution of 58,000. Regular circulation of New South is 4,500. Other pamphlets printed are: "Wanted: An Educated South," "By the People," "Getting Along Together," "When Justice and Expediency Meet," and the "Southern Regional Council." The latter defines the Council and its work. Total requests for literature for the year number 1,400, with 58,000 pamphlets distributed during the year, over and above New South. Mr. Fleming said that some progress has been made in getting these publications into Southern schools and libraries, and stated that further progress in this regard should be made.

Mrs. Warren Zeuch gave a report on the Conference of State Representatives, which was called for the purpose of bringing about some uniformity in the organization of State groups. She said that twelve states were represented at the meeting by the twenty-eight members who attended, with one to three coming from each of the twelve states. She emphasized that the real work of the SRC is in local areas and that very specific objectives are necessary. Such objectives as transportation, health, law enforcement, and education were discussed at this meeting. She was of the opinion that this leadership conference was valuable and expressed a hope that it might be repeated.

Dr. Mitchell said that as a result of this Conference, and at the suggestion of the Executive Committee, a committee had been appointed to consider and bring in recommendations on relationships of State Committees and local groups with the Council.

Speaking for this Committee, Mr. Cyrus Johnson gave the following report. (See copy attached.) Mr. Johnson also told of a question which had come up in the Committee as to whether or not the SRC office should be the central office for collecting dues when State Divisions were organized. He said that some States would like to handle their own dues.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson reported for the Fellows of the SRC. At a meeting of the Fellows on November 14 and 15, 1946, thirty of the forty-two Fellows of the SRC met for an exchange of ideas on activities of the previous year. Many Fellows have made reports in New South and have gone out into the field and made much progress. Mr. Thompson felt that the Fellowships of the SRC should be continued; he said that once Fellows get into the work they go back into their respective states and follow through and do a grand job.

Dr. Harold Trigg, replacing Mr. Virginius Dabney, who was unable to be present, gave a report on the National Advisory Committee. He listed names of prospective members whom the Committee were considering for approach, and from which members of the National Advisory Board would be chosen. Dr. Trigg advised that any suggestions from the membership of further names to be considered should be turned in to the committee.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. McKoy gave the treasurer's report of estimated income and expenses from January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947. (See copy attached).

On motion made by Mr. C. H. Parrish, and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton suggested that it would be helpful for the membership if a somewhat more detailed report on disbursements could be made for another year.

1947 ACTIVITIES

The chairman presented Dr. Mitchell, who reported on activities for 1947. His report stressed the fact that one of the main points for the general membership to bear in mind was the matter of the budget for 1948. He said that, although the Council has hopes of getting half of the deficit taken care of this year, it is confronted next year with a minimum program due to lack of funds.

Dr. Mitchell introduced members of his staff who had helped to carry on the work of the SRC for the year of 1947: Mrs. McKoy, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Hill, Miss Price, Mrs. Saxon, Miss Bridgman, Miss English, and Mr. Way. He said that Mrs. Tilly had been working with the States, tying in the State Divisions in program and policy more than ever before. Mrs. Havens had made a number of contacts in Tennessee and hope was held that that state would soon have a State Division formed. Alabama was the newest State to become a Division and was the fifth in order to be formed. The only States remaining

without any statewide organization are Arkansas and Oklahoma. Dr. Mitchell stated that membership in the SRC has grown about fifty percent in the last year. He said that although membership was important to the SRC, the Council should not have indiscriminate, mass membership, but rather should strive to get interested persons who are active in the Council's work.

Dr. Newbold discussed the importance of leg-work in the field, and cited the example of North Carolina in its work for anti-discrimination in the Veterans Administration. He said that in that State interested persons had found it necessary to call on the Veterans Administrators a number of times to get action. He stated that it takes work of that sort to accomplish the objectives of the SRC.

Dr. Guy Johnson was called upon by the Chairman. He expressed the feeling that it was good to be back and expressed the hope that the Council may have many more such meetings in the future.

Mrs. Zeuch posed a question as to how Fellows are recruited. Dr. Johnson answered that this began by asking various members of the Executive Committee and Board for nominations. The committee went over these nominations, and selected prospective Fellows, wrote them, and made appointments. He said that because of insufficient office staff to service the full 100 Fellows as called for in the original motion, the committee had appointed only forty Fellows. The Chairman announced that if anyone had a name to suggest for appointment as a Fellow, Dr. Mitchell would be glad to bring it up for consideration.

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1948

Dr. Mitchell conceded part of the time allotted to his report to Mrs. Tilly, who gave an inside view of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. Mrs. Tilly remarked that there was something in the Civil Rights Report to suit every temperament. She credited the Southern Regional Council and the Inter-racial Committee for giving her the necessary background to work with the President's Committee. She told the members that both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Alexander had appeared before the Committee and had given much assistance. Mrs. Tilly repeated the President's comment upon issuing his charge to to the Committee, "Civilizations crack up not because of what happens without, but rather because of what happens within them." Mrs. Tilly remarked that the Committee had met twelve times, with meetings lasting always two days, and sometimes four. Experts were made available in every field in which the Committee needed information, and the Committee was also given access to all Government records and Government bureaus necessary for completion of its task. Letters asking for assistance had been sent to 190 organizations. Mrs. Tilly remarked that the material covering the Committee's work came to several volumes. The report itself has been titled "To Secure These Rights," but the report is not a race report--it is a "report on the civil rights of all of the people in the United States." It is divided into four parts: The Rights to Safety and Security of the Person; The Right to Citizenship and Its Privileges; The Right to Freedom of Conscience and Expression; The Right to Equality of Opportunity. She called the attention of the meeting to the Committee's

concluding statement, "As the Committee concludes this Report we would remind ourselves that the future of our nation rests upon the character, the vision, the high principles of our people. Democracy, brotherhood, human rights--these are practical expressions of the eternal worth of every child of God. With His guidance and help we can move forward toward a nobler social order in which there will be an equal opportunity for all." Mrs. Tilly ended her remarks by saying that "Human hands must reach and pull that dream of one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, into realization."

Mr. Williams paid tribute to Mrs. Tilly, saying, "We believe you represent a moment in the conscience of mankind."

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH 12:15

Following the lunch hour, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams, Chairman.

PROGRAM FOR 1948

In proposing the 1948 Program, Dr. Mitchell remarked that while recommendations were his responsibility, decision rested upon the membership body.

In 1948 it was proposed that the Council continue its publication, New South; continue to build membership toward a goal of 5,000; work toward consolidation of membership in affiliated State interracial committees or State Divisions of the Council; and publish four or five pamphlets measuring State achievements in such fields as housing, social security benefits, vocational education, and land tenure. Among other projects proposed for 1948, Dr. Mitchell mentioned improved police administration; research into the medical

aspects of crime; periodic summaries of events in the various states of interest to the Council membership; a radio forum; and a booklet on civil rights, with special emphasis on the President's report. He said that "if we did all that we would like to do, we would need, in addition to the budget before you, another $70,000." In addition, he pointed out that after December, 1949, the organization would have to stand entirely on its own feet, since the block of support of the Rosenwald Fund would no longer be available.

Following Dr. Mitchell's report, the members discussed the question as to which projects the Council should elect as 1948 activities.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander and duly seconded,

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be instructed to devote a pamphlet to covering the status of civil rights laws and the practical administration of such laws as they affect civil rights in the South, and that this pamphlet be given priority among subjects.

On motion made by Mr. Frank McCallister and duly seconded,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the SRC sponsor a meeting with the guidance of Mrs. Tilly and her church women's groups, to make known in the South what is in the Civil Rights Report and that all the people who are interested in the program be invited, providing funds can be raised to sponsor the meeting.

Mrs. Tilly was in agreement with this motion provided the burden of the meetings did not fall upon her as an individual. Dr. Mitchell reminded the group that unless specific funds were raised, the Council could not sponsor a broad program on Civil Rights and keep within the budget.

On motion made by Mrs. Warren Zeuch and duly seconded,

9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be instructed to publish a pamphlet on vocational education, in agriculture and in industry.

Mr. Stoney rose to speak on the importance of the above pamphlet. He stated that it would be wise to publish this pamphlet in relation to the report of the Committee for the South and to tie it in with that report.

Dr. Hancock remarked that the Council's endeavors should be more comprehensive than that of just making up pamphlets. He said that the important thing to do is to get Council material to people who are outside of the Council in an effort to sell them on the program of the SRC.

Mr. Tilly said that if money were available, the masses of people could be reached through the mail box services. She said that the pamphlets would have to have a basis in the type of writing that the people would read. A suggestion was made by Mr. C. H. Parrish that the State Divisions be organized to put out these pamphlets. In this way, he said, the people working on the pamphlets would get an idea of what was going on in their communities and at the same time outside people would be reached in gathering the information.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that the Council invite re-use of pamphlet material by other people. Even though the SRC would not get actual credit for the work, their objectives could be accomplished.

In discussing publications, Dr. Guy Johnson told the Council that Charles Mangum's book on Land Tenure in the Southeast would be helpful to the SRC. He believed that when the book is ready, the Council, with very little outlay of money--possibly fifty dollars' honorarium--could get Mr. Mangum to write a summary of it for publication by the SRC; or if not, the Council could get permission from the publishers to make a summary. Mr. Dodge suggested that "Democracy in State and Church" would be a good pamphlet to put on the list of potential jobs for the future. Mr. Foreman stated that if the Council could get the money,

the police study should be continued.

On motion made by Mr. Schaeffer and duly seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Council accept the report on the prospective program for 1948, with gratitude to Dr. Mitchell.

ACTION ON 1948 BUDGET

Dr. Alexander, in discussing the 1948 budget, said that there existed too much complacency on this subject. He felt that one of the things the Council must do was to clear up the deficit by January 1. He said that he himself was willing to accept responsibility for doing his best to obtain $1,000 of the amount required if other members of the Council would make pledges to obtain the remaining $5,000. In response the following pledges were made:

Msgr. McNamara	$100
Mr. Haas	$200
Mr. P. Williams	$200
Dr. F. Washington	$100
Mr. G. D. Rogers (for the Fla. delegation)	$500
Dr. Hancock	$100
Dr. Guy Johnson	$100
Georgia Committee	$200
Mr. J. M. Tydings	$100
Dr. Mitchell	$250
Father Vincent O'Connell	$ 50

It was suggested that the Executive Director send a letter to those members not present at the annual meeting advising them of the pledges made at the meeting and asking them to work for donations of $100 or more. Mr. Rogers stated it as his belief that the SRC means more to the South than any other organization he had ever worked with. He said that the Council should make known its activities to the business men of the Negro race, and he felt confident that these men would support

it and that there would be no trouble in clearing up the deficit in the budget.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander and duly seconded,

11. IT WAS VOTED that the budget for 1948 be approved in principle, but that it be referred to the Executive Committee for approval of activities in detail as funds become available.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander and duly seconded,

12. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be instructed to set up a new Finance Committee.

Dr. Hancock expressed his pleasure in seeing the matter of finance getting on a sound, down-to-earth basis.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Tydings presented the following resolutions which had been submitted to the Resolutions Committee:

"Whereas,
the GI Bill of Rights program of education and on-the-job training for veterans is the most useful service to veterans that has ever been devised by any government, and
whereas,
these services to veterans are not only of great importance to the veterans, but to all the people of the United States, and it is thus imperative that veterans of all races, colors, classes, and creeds shall have the full benefits of the GI Bill of Rights, and
whereas,
on the basis of field inquiry, the Southern Regional Council is convinced that Negroes are not sharing fairly in the services of the GI Bill of Rights as was evidently intended by the Congress of the United States, and
whereas,
it appears that Negroes are sharing to a fairly satisfactory degree, in some sections of the South, in on-the-farm training and in higher education, but to a much lesser degree in vocational training, on-the-job training, accelerated high school and adult education, and
whereas,
in some areas of the South there are almost no contact, organizational, and supervisory Negro personnel attached to branch, regional and local offices of the Veterans Administration, it being understood that some State units have two or three hundred

white personnel of the types named above and fewer than half a dozen Negroes, and
whereas,
the question arises: Was it intended and planned by the Central Office of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., that the pattern described above should control and manage our national GI Bill as it affects white and Negro veterans in the Southern States?
therefore, be it
RESOLVED by the Southern Regional Council:
that the differences which appear in the administration of services provided for veterans in the GI Bill of Rights, as partially outlined above, be brought directly to the attention of the several State Superintendents of Public Instruction in the Southern States, to General Omar N. Bradley, Chief of the Veterans Administration, and to the President of the United States.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander and duly seconded,

13. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be so instructed to set up a committee to go in person for a hearing with the above named persons.

Mr. Tydings then read the second resolution; after amendment by Mr. Dodge it read as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Southern Regional Council Executive be requested to develop a plan for increasing the membership of the Council, such plan to be activated by the State and local committees with special consideration for
a. subscriptions for New South;
b. obtaining more contributing members;
c. obtaining members who are leaders in key organizations on state and local levels; and
that the goal be set to increase the membership from 2,400 to 5,000 members in the ensuing year.

On motion, duly seconded,

14. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Tydings presented the third resolution:

RESOLVED: That the State Divisions and affiliates of SRC be requested to nominate not more than ten Honorary Fellows from each state according to rules and regulations drawn up by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded by Mr. Rogers,

15. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Tydings read the fourth resolution. After amendment by Dr. Foreman it read as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Executive Committee be instructed to devise and make recommendations to the Board for means of recognition of such persons in the South as make outstanding contributions to the progress of the Region, and that such citations be given ample publicity in the press.

On motion duly seconded by Dr. Foreman,

16. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

The fifth resolution read by Mr. Tydings was as follows:

RESOLVED: That the appreciation of the officers and members of SRC be expressed to the administrative officers and staff members of the Council who left the Council during the past year. They are: Dr. Harold Trigg; Mrs. Inez Tillison; Mr. Ray Warwick; Mr. James Slade. We sincerely regret their departure, and the best wishes of the Council are extended to them in their new undertakings.

On motion duly seconded,

17. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Tydings read the sixth resolution.

RESOLVED: That the SRC be urged to promote programs of intercultural education through the existing educational facilities of the region.

On motion duly seconded,

18. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

The seventh resolution was read as follows:

RESOLVED: That the SRC commend the President of the United States for appointing the distinguished Committee on Civil Rights and urge that the people of the South and of the Nation give most thoughtful consideration to the Committee's report, reminding ourselves, as the Committee concludes, that the "future of our Nation rests upon the character, the vision, the high principles of our

people." Democracy, brotherhood, human rights--
these are practical expressions of the eternal worth
of every child of God." With His guidance and help we
can move forward toward a nobler social order in which
there will be equal opportunity for all.

On motion duly seconded,

19. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Tydings read the eighth resolution as follows:

RESOLVED: That the appreciation of the officers and members of SRC be extended to President Clement and appropriate officials of Atlanta University who so graciously provided the facilities and hospitalities for the Annual Meeting of the SRC.

On motion duly seconded,

20. IT WAS VOTED that this resolution be adopted.

At this point Dr. Alexander commented on President Williams' address to the Council and stated that the Council was deeply indebted to Paul Williams for his quiet, modest, and courageous leadership. He stated that although Mr. Williams' speech was given in modest manner, through it came certain power that characterized the president's able leadership.

On motion made by Dr. Alexander and duly seconded,

21. IT WAS VOTED that the Council express to Mr. Williams by a rising vote its very profound appreciation for what he is doing for the SRC.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On motion made and duly seconded,

22. IT WAS VOTED that nominations of the nominating committee be accepted, and elections be made of the following members for

new four-year terms:

Wilson M. Brown
A. W. Dent
Clark Foreman
Charles H. Gillman
Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
T. James McNamara
Arthur J. Moore
John H. Wheeler

Plus replacement of Mr. Easom, resigned, by the Reverend W. H. Marmion, of Birmingham, Alabama, for the unexpired portion of Mr. Easom's term, Mr. Dabbs and Mrs. Ratliff being elected in the place of Mr. Herbert and Mr. Wilcoxon, for four year terms .

At this point Dr. Mitchell brought to the attention of the Council the desire of the Board of Directors to elect as an additional Vice President, Dr. Harold Trigg. He stated, however, that the by-laws limit the number of Vice Presidents who are eligible to serve on the Executive Committee and asked for a revision of the by-laws.

On the motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

23. IT WAS VOTED to amend the by-laws by striking out the word "three" in Article 5, Section 1, appearing before the words "Vice-Presidents" and substituting the word "the."

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Hancock presented Mr. Max Bond, who had brought his class to the last portion of the meeting. Mr. Bond stated that he thought that one of the most important things needed in the South today was an opportunity for whites and Negroes, particularly students, to meet together so that each could get to know the other.

On motion made by Dr. Mitchell and duly seconded,

24. IT WAS VOTED that a vote of thanks be given to Dr. Johnson for the courage, thought, and wisdom he had shown in his service to the Council.

There was some discussion regarding the extent of political restriction which members of the SRC must adhere to in their programs. Dr. Mitchell stated that Council Members should not endorse or fight a specific piece of pending legislation; that they must not, as a Body of Council members, publicly support or oppose a particular candidate for political office. Dr. Hancock stated that the political restriction is set because the Council is a tax-free organization.

Mrs. Havens expressed a desire to have set up some plan for State Division Chairmen to become Board members.

On motion made and duly seconded,

25. IT WAS VOTED that an additional sentence to Article 4, Section 1, "Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors," be included in the by-laws.

Mr. Newbold expressed a hope that every State representative would take particular note of the statements made in the motion on veterans, and that particular emphasis be given to the matter of the Negro veteran in an effort to bring about greater equality in the Veterans' Administration program.

Mr. Washington proposed a rising tribute to Dr. Alexander for all he has done for the SRC. The Council unanimously joined in this tribute.

Mr. Williams then paid tribute to Miss Josephine Wilkins as the person responsible for the agenda drawn up for the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

S.R.C.--Annual Meeting 1947- Minutes

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January 12, 1948

Dear Miss McCoy:

I have carefully reviewed minutes of Annual Meeting of Southern Regional Council. Find them quite accurate and complete.

Sincerely yours,

Isobel J. Chisholm

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Apartment B-2
278 Twelfth Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia
January 20, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McCoy
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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JAN 21 1948
Southern Regional Council

Dear Mrs. McCoy

In compliance with your request, I have read the minutes of the Membership Meeting of November 12, 1947, and am returning them. I enjoyed reviewing the minutes of what I considered a very good meeting, and hereby approve them.

Sincerely yours
Opal Futch
Miss Opal Futch

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SRC Annual Meeting - 1947

January 14, 1948

Miss Opal Futch
278 Twelfth Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Futch:

Thank you so very much for agreeing to review the minutes of the Membership Meeting of November 12, 1947. This is a service to the Council, and we are most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

JAS. D. ROBINSON, JR., Chairman
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Executive Director and Secretary
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Atlanta, Georgia

Address Reply To:
816 PLAY LANE, N. W.
ATLANTA, GA.

January 14,1948

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I have read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council, held at Atlanta University on Nov.12,1947.

I, therefore, wish to attest to the correctness of these minutes, within the limits of my recollection.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Henderson

J. R. Henderson, Board Member
Southern Regional Council

SRC Annual Meeting 1947

January 12, 1948

Mr. Jacob R. Henderson

816 PlayLane, N. W.

Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you very much for agreeing to pass on the correctness of the minutes of the annual membership meeting on November 12, herewith enclosed.

With much appreciation for this service, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1948 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, Library of Atlanta University
November 10, 1948

10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 10:33	Invocation - ~~Dr. Benjamin E. Mays~~
10:33 - 10:35	Dr. Clement
10:35 - 10:37	Adoption of order of business
10:37 - 10:40	Adoption of Rules
10:40 - 10:42	Minutes of the meeting of November ~~12~~ 10, ~~1947~~ 1948
10:42 - 10:44	Announcement of Committees - President Paul Williams a. Resolutions b. Nominations
10:44 - 11:10	Opening remarks by President Williams
11:10 - 11:30	Activity reports: a. Membership - ~~Miss~~ Margaret Price 2-min. b. Publications - Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information 5-min. c. ~~The Meeting on Civil and Human Rights Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason~~ 5-min. d. Our Tabulation of other similar Meetings Mrs. Jane P. Simpson 3-min. e. The Advisory Committee - Mr. R. E. Cureton 3-min. f. Other SRC Staff Members Introduced 2-min. Miss Taylor, Mrs. Saxon, Mrs. Curry, Mr. Way
11:30 - 11:37	Importance of Executive Committee's Statement on Civil Rights - Mr. Alfred Mynders
11:37 - 11:40	Membership vote as to adoption of Statement as SRC policy
11:40 - 11:45	Finance Report - Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer a. Report on 1948 b. Action on report c. Presentation of Budget for 1949
11:45 - 12:00	Planning for the South - Mr. Charles Smith
12:00 - 12:30	Proposed 1949 Program- Dr. George S. Mitchell, Ex. Dir.
12:30 - 12:45	Interval
12:45 - 1:30	Luncheon
1:30 - 1:45	Interval
1:45 - 2:15	Discussion of 1948 and 1949 Program. Led by Dr. Charles S. Johnson
2:15 - 3:00	Action on 1949 Program. Led by Dr. Charles S. Johnson
3:00 - 3:15	Report of the Finance Committee. Mr. Paul Williams
3:15 - 3:45	Action on the 1949 Budget - Led by Mr. J. M. Tydings
3:45 - 4:30	Reading of, and Action on, Resolutions - Mr. Marion Wright
4:30 - 4:45	Election to the Board of Directors - Dr. William H. Gray, Chairman of Nominating Committee of the Membership
4:45 - 4:50	Membership vote on question of electing to Ex-Officio Board Membership heads of affiliated State Interracial Committees, and others deemed closely enough affiliated with the Council
4:50 - 4:55	Other business
4:55	Adjournment

Rules for Annual Meeting of the SRC - November ~~10~~ 9, 1948

As Proposed by Board of Directors

No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

Speakers will state name and State.

All resolutions must be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES

January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

Deficit 1/1/48 (for 1947)	$ 5,483.76	
Expense to date	41,478.48	
Estimated expense, November and December		
Total Expense		$ 55,596.61
Income to date	$40,409.13	
Estimated, November and December	1,727.30	$ 42,136.43
Apparent deficit for 1948		$ 13,459.18

Estimated Income for 1949

Foundations	$25,350.00	
Church Groups	2,750.00	
Dues and Contributions	3,850.00	
Miscellaneous Literature	2,000.00	
New South	750.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	$ 34,900.00
Estimated Expense for 1949		$ 49,930.00
Apparent Deficit for 1949		$ 15,030.00

RELATIVE EXPENDITURES 1947 AND 1947 AND 1948, AND ESTIMATES FOR 1949

	1947	Budget 1948	Year to Date	Needed	Total 1948	1949 Budget
Salaries	$38,306.33	$36,515.	$26,355.49	$5,116.68	$31,472.17	$30,400.00
Travel	6,458.72	6,000.	3,684.79	1,820.84	5,505.63	5,700.00
Telephone and Telegraph	836.04	700.	786.28	150.00	936.28	840.00
Rent	1,630.00	1,560.	1,080.67	260.00	1,340.67	1,560.00
Office Supplies & Expense	1,139.34	750.	1,246.68	200.00	1,446.68	1,065.00
Special Research	546.30		527.85	47.46	575.31	500.00
Local Advisory Committee			200.00	200.00	400.00	1,560.00
Conf. on Human Rights	327.32		889.12		889.12	
Postage and Express	1,502.50	1,800.	1,368.32	250.00	1,618.32	1,600.00
Printing - Literature	6,436.64	6,000.	4,531.18	485.78	5,016.96	6,000.00
Books and Subscriptions	276.54	225.	361.07	59.10	420.17	400.00
Exchange Bank Charges	9.42		6.22	4.61	10.83	10.00
Clipping Service	148.96	75.	77.73	37.90	115.63	120.00
Miscellaneous Expense	389.62		58.84	2.00	60.84	50.00
Interest	66.50		105.84		105.84	
Office Equipment & Repairs	653.30					
Insurance			48.40		48.40	
Audit			150.00		150.00	125.00
	$58,727.53	$53,625.	$41,478.48	$8,634.37	$50,112.85	$49,930.00

Sent for approval to:
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Dr. Max Bond
Miss Rosalind Rieman

3/4/49

Minutes approved by Mrs
Grace T. Hamilton

Sent to Dr. Max Bond

Returned by him
without comment

MEMO

To: Southern Regional Council
Re: Annual Meeting-11/10/48

Ihave read these minutes of above meeting and find them to be an accurate account of REPORTS and PROCEEDINGS as I recall same.

R. F. R.
Rosalind F.Rieman
3/4/49

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

November 10, 1948

The annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 10:30 A.M. November 10, 1948 The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, who asked Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, to give the invocation.

The following members were present:

Mrs. B.A. Alderman
Mrs. Cecil A. Alexander, Jr.
Mrs. Mattie H. Bates
Mrs. A.D. Beittel
Dr. A.D. Beittel
J.S. Blanton
J. Max Bond
Rev. L.A. Brown
Father Austin Chachere
Loretto Chappell
Walter R. Chivers
Felton G. Clark
Dr. Rufus Clement
A.E. Cox
R.E. Cureton
J.M. Dabbs
Mrs. James M. Dabbs
Richard P. Daniel
Mrs. John A. Davis
Rev. W.V. Dixon
I.G. Domas
G.T. Dowdy
Freeman Drake, Sr.
Mrs. F.P. Drake
Merl R. Eppse
Harold C. Fleming
Opal Futch
Margaret Garrity
Johnny Glustrom
William H. Gray, Jr.
Leonard Haas
Grace T. Hamilton
Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Jacob R. Henderson
Mrs. Herman Heyman
Mozell C. Hill
Mrs. J. Winston Huff
Luther P. Jackson
Nelson C. Jackson
Cyrus M. Johnson
Mrs. Guy B. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
Calvin Kytle
John Long
Ross Long
Lucy R. Mason
Mrs. Vivian C. Mason
James W. May
Benjamin E. Mays
Frank McCallister
Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Miss Marjorie McLacklan
T. James McNamara
Alex Miller
Gretchin Miller
Mrs. George S. Mitchell
George S. Mitchell
S. M. Nabrit
Miss Mae Neptune
Rev. Vincent O'Connell
Philip S. Ogilvie
Charles H. Parrish
E.C. Peters
Glenn W. Rainey
Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Rosalind F. Rieman
Florence M. Read
G.D. Rogers
R.L. Russell
Charles D. Saxon
H.Brent Schaeffer
Philip E. Shulhafer
Mrs. A.W. Simkins
Dr. Anna Greene Smith
C. Emerson Smith
Charles M. Smith
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

Dr. Luther B. Stewart
George M. Stephens
Florence Sytz
Harold Trigg
J. Mansir Tydings
Paul R. Webber, Jr.
Paul D. Williams
Josephine Wilkins
M.A. Wright
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

After welcoming the members, the suggested agenda was approved.

Mr. Williams read proposed rules and they were adopted.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The president announced membership of its several standing committees, as elected at the Board meeting of November 11, 1947:

Resolutions Committee: Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman
Dr. Forrester Washington
Mrs. W. H. Borders

Nominating Committee of the Membership for Nominations to the Board of Directors
Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Herman Hayman
Dr. J.B. Blanton
Miss Mildred Mell
Miss Hortense Young

Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors for Nominations to the Executive Committee
Dr. Forrester Washington, Chairman
Mrs. Alice Spearman
Miss Josephine Wilkins, alternate for Mr. John Griffin

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Miss Margaret Price, in reporting on membership, gave the figure at the time of the previous annual meeting as 2,276, and the present figure as 2,717. In the intervening period we added 563 new members and dropped 122, mainly for non-payment of dues. State figures showed South Carolina with the largest growth -- 88 new members.

Mr. Harold Fleming, director of information, reviewed briefly the publications work for the past year. In addition to listing publications, he reported a steady growth in receipts from sales of literature. For the calendar year 1947, such receipts amounted to $1,658. Through October, 1948 the sum was in excess of $2,000, and is

expected to reach, by the end of the year, $2,300.

At this point Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President of Atlanta University and host to the meeting, welcomed the group to the campus.

President Williams introduced Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, of Norfolk, Virginia, who spoke briefly on the meeting on civil and human rights in Atlanta in February, for which the Council and Atlanta University and various other organizations had served as sponsors. Mrs. Mason, after describing the meeting, said that it had sharpened the focus of all present and had led many to take steps toward implementing the recommendations made by the President's Committee on Human Rights.

Mrs. Jane Simpson, of the Council staff, in a review of information sent in to the Council about follow-up meetings on the February civil rights meeting, listed 61 as reported to us, with a total attendance of 3,204. Some 22 of the gatherings were directly traceable to the influence of the February meeting.

Mr. R.E. Cureton reported for the newly established Advisory Committee which had been meeting weekly since late September. Its members are : Mr. Nelson Jackson, field director of the Urban League; Dr. S.M. Nabrit, Dean of Atlanta University; and Mr. R.E. Cureton, head of the Department of Social Sciences, Washington High School, Atlanta. In meetings of the Committee the program and policies of the Council on specific issues have been presented for open discussion. Among matters considered by the Committee were (1) development of a more effective membership campaign, (2) suggested list of people in strategic localities in the South who may be of aid to the Council, (3) means of providing a wider distribution of the Council's publication, (4) opportunity for serving as liason leaders between the Council and the Negro racial group, (5) reporting instances of progress in racial understanding or suggesting courses of action in instances where the service of the Council might prove effective, and (6) acting as a sounding board for the Council's articles prior to publication.

The executive director introduced the various staff members who were present, and included mention of Dr. Luther Jackson, as author of a recent Council pamphlet.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. George Stephens of Asheville, North Carolina, spoke briefly on the value to the South of the statement of the executive committee on September 15, 1948 regarding civil rights.

On motion of Mr. Charles Smith,

1. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to adopt this statement as representing policy of the Council in the matter of civil rights.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Agnes McKoy, secretary- treasurer, presented the following report on income and expenditures for 1948 and outlined the budget for 1949.

(see attachments)

On motion of Miss Lucy Mason

2. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted as read.

In the course of discussion on the budget, Mr. Paul Williams read a letter from former president Howard W. Odum, offering to be one of a hundred persons contributing $250 to the Council, or one of fifty persons contributing $500.

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1949

Mr. Charles Smith described briefly the work being done toward drawing up a plan for the South, section by section. As one just down from Washington, he also gave some discussion of the post-election situation as it might affect legislation of interest to the South.

The executive director proposed to the meeting plans for the coming year. After describing the various materials expected to be available in the general field of Southwide planning, he recommended that the Council put effort into the review of this material and the development of a general plan for southern progress, taking

account of the various sections, or subregions, of the South. It was proposed that the developing of this be entrusted mainly to Mr. Charles M. Smith.

Another recommendation was the use in smaller communities over the South of the newly developed manual called "The Home Town Self-Survey", prepared by Miss Margaret Price and others on the staff. Self-surveys modeled on the Jacksonville, Florida example were described as useful for the particular results they would accomplish in towns employing them, and as helpful in getting local action in accordance with the broader plan for the South as a whole.

As a preview of parts of the expected long-range plan, the following were listed as goals toward which the South should now vigorously strive:

1. Expanded manufacturing and commercial industry.
2. Conversion of agriculture to livestock and specialty crops.
3. Doubling our expenditure and investment on schools.
4. Urban and rural slum clearance.
5. A redoubled effort in health.
6. Revision of state and federal social security laws.

The executive director urged upon the membership special effort in the coming year toward equalization of school facilities.

It was proposed that publication of New South be continued, that the Council's effort toward getting greater respect for civil rights be increased, and that pamphlets be issued on the subjects of fair treatment of race in the news, the Negro in our Economy, and of farm land leasing systems. Other topics mentioned as possibilities were a roundup of official pronouncements by official church bodies on matters relating to civil rights, race, and economic welfare, and a review and appraisal of state and local civil service systems.

Another publication recommended was one on the movement for fair employment practices. Still another was on vocational education.

The executive director's report closed with a plea that the membership take responsibility for finding ways to pay for the work it wished done by the Council staff.

The meeting then heard briefly from Mr. Gordon Hancock, Mr. Luther P. Jackson, and others.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH 1:00

After the luncheon interval the meeting resumed, with discussion of the 1949 program led by Vice-President Trigg.

PROGRAM FOR 1949

Participants in this discussion were Mr. Charles Smith, Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, Miss Florence Sytz, Dr. Luther Jackson, Dr. C. H. Parrish, Mr. Cyrus Johnson, Mr. J. M. Tyding, Mr. R.P. Daniel, Mr. J.M. Dabbs, Miss Lucy Mason, Mr. G.D. Rogers, Dr. Gordon Hancock, Dr. Benjamin Mays, Father O'Connor, Dr. J. Max Bond, and Miss Grace Hamilton.

3. IT WAS VOTED to accept the drawing up of a basic sub-regional plan for the South

4. IT WAS ALSO VOTED to continue New South, and the issuance of pamphlets on race in the news, farm tenancy, legislation affecting tenure of farm land, vocational education, and on the movement for fair employment practices.

5. IT WAS ALSO VOTED to adopt as part of the program the furtherance of the home town self-survey.

In the course of the discussion Mrs. Alice Spearman urged that the Council take steps toward getting its work nearer to the grass roots.

President Benjamin Mays of Morehouse College expressed the view that it would

be desirable for the Council to consider closely and issue a publication on the place of legislation in changing the mores, saying that the great majority of persons described as "liberal Southerners" had taken the position that legislation had little or no proper place in this field.

On motion of Dr. Benjamin Mays

6. IT WAS VOTED the Council issue a publication during 1949 on the place of legislation in improving social conditions.

Miss Josephine Wilkins suggested that in view of the limited funds of the Council, it might be fruitful to treat the matter in an issue of New South.

ACTION ON 1949 BUDGET

Mr. Paul Williams, as chairman of the finance committee, reported at length for his committee, composed of:

Dr. Charles Johnson	Dr. W.W. Alexander
Mr. J.M. Tydings	Mr. John Wheeler

After a review of efforts thus far to raise money for 1948 and 1949, Mr. Williams emphasized the importance of the Council's finding from now on the greater part of its funds within the South.

In subsequent discussion on the 1949 budget which was led by Mr. J.M. Tydings, the members touched upon various means of raising funds. The discussion turned mainly to building membership in the South and getting larger voluntary contributions from a much higher proportion of those members.

On motion of Mr. Clement

7. IT WAS VOTED to direct the staff to "request the 2700 members of the Council, in the light of the present financial status of the Council, to be personally and individually responsible for a minimum of $10 to the Council's support during 1949."

It was made plain, however, that membership in the Council would in no way be contingent upon such contribution.

On motion of Mr. Tydings

8. IT WAS VOTED to accept a total budget for 1949 of $75,000, contingent upon the raising of that sum; and in the absence of that sum approval of the submitted budget of $49, 930.

Several present expressed themselves as wishing to add theirnames to the list of those willing to contribute with Dr. Odum $250. These included: Leonard Haas, J.M. Tydings, Charles Smith, George Mitchell, and Paul Williams. It was suggested that others wishing to make contributions themselves should communicate this fact to the secretary-treasurer.

On motion of Monsignor McNamara

9. IT WAS VOTED that the chair appoint a committee called the "Special Gifts Committee", to explore Dr. Odum's proposal for two categories of gifts, of $250 and $500, and to canvass the whole field of possible large individual contributions.

It was made clear in the discussion that this committee was to be in addition to the finance committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Marion Wright, as chairman of the resolutions committee, reported an exceptionally harmonious one-man meeting of his committee, to which no resolutions were submitted. As a consequence, no resolutions were offered.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. William H. Gray, as chairman of the nominating committee of membership, recommended for reelection to the Board for terms beginning in 1948 and expiring in 1952, the following:

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Mr. Virginius Dabney
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. N.C. Newbold
Dr. Howard W. Odum
Dr. B.E. Mays
Dr. Edgar Stern
Mr. O.D. Duncan
Miss Florence Sytz

The following members of the Board whose terms expired in 1948 were listed as retiring from the Board:

Mr. Charles Clingman
Dr. H.D. Goode
Mr. Z.A. Looby
Dr. A.L. Russell
Mr. Thomas S. Staples
Mrs. A.M.P. Strong
Dr. J.G. Stuart

To take the place of the 1948 retiring members and fill two vacancies, the committee nominated the following:

Mr. Mark Ethridge
Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Judge J. Waties Waring
Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius
Barry Bingham

The committee, having the duty of submitting nominations for the unexpired terms of three Board members, namely, Rabbi Stanley Brav and Dr. Ira Reid, no longer in the region, and Mr. Ernest Delpit, who has been unable to continue affiliation with the Council, nominated for these three memberships, with terms expiring as indicated:

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Newspaper publisher - 1950
Daytona Beach, Florida

Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr. - 1949
Atlanta, Georgia

P.B. Young, Sr. - 1949
Norfolk, Virginia

The report was submitted on behalf of the entire committee and was adopted by the meeting, with direction that the persons so nominated be elected to the Board.

Mr. Dowdy of Tuskegee suggested that we consider a junior membership or some device for "carrying this message" into the schools.

Paul Williams suggested that priority of 1949 publications would be left in the hands of the executive committee.

On motion by Mr. Marion Wright

10. IT WAS VOTED that we follow the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Board in raising dues from $2 to $3, with joint membership at $4, and of raising subscription to New South from $1.00 to $1.50 a year.

Mr. Scull's postcard about having next SRC meeting in another locality was read and referred to Executive Committee for action.

Miss Sytz spoke of the need of "some bulletin, if only mimeographed,..... with 'Know-How' illustrations....case studies of accomplishments that would help us with our citizens groups."

After brief introductions of Mr. Benjamin Bullock, who is preparing for the Council a publication on land tenure laws in the South, and Mr. Calvin Kytle, who is working on race in the news, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary

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Report of Mr Cureton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and gentlemen, The Advisory Committee of the Southern Regional Council grew out of a need created by the resignation of Mr. H. L. Trigg who served the Council for several years as Associate Executive Director. During the period of Mr. Trigg's connection with the Council as Associate Director, he served the Executive Director and Staff as adviser in those areas of the Council's work which could best be done by a member of the Negro group. The prsent Advisory Committee now attempts this type of service.

The Committee, composed of Mr. Nelson Jackson, Field Director of the National Urban League, Dr. S. M. Nabrit, Dean of Atlanta University, and R. E. Cureton, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, Washington High School was appointed during the summer of 1948 and activated late in August.

The Committee meets weekly each Monday with the Director of the Council and such other staff members as may be desired, for a period of two hours. In these meetings the program and policies of the Council on specific issues are laid before the committee for open discussion. Out of these discussions usually comes some clarification of the issues at hand. Specifically the Committee has given the Director the benefit of its experience in such matters as 1, developing a more effective membership campaign 2, suggesting the names of people in strategic localities in the South who may be of aid to the Council 3, providing a wider distribution of the Council's publication 4, serving as liason leaders between the Council and the Negro racial group 5, reporting instances of progress in racial understanding or suggesting courses of action in instances where the service of the Council might prove effective 6, acting as a sounding board for the Council's articles prior to publication. Finally, the committee is always at the service of the Director and the Staff for the processing of the numerous problems naturally arising in any effort to implement in the South Democracy in its broadest sense.

— Mr. R. E. Cureton

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A Report to the Annual Meeting, Southern Regional Council
By - Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
November 10, 1948

A favorite remark of an old gentleman I knew well was that a university is the state thinking. That could be extended to cover our Council, part of whose job is to be the South thinking.

1949 gives promise of being a year of decisive planning. A great deal of material useful for planning for economic advance will be coming into print. Surely it is a major lesson of the elections just closed that the nation is impatient of drift and wishes positive action on the pressing needs of its people.

As to planning materials, what will be coming out includes the following:

A long series of studies by the Committee of the South on industrial location, farm adjustments, state planning and development agencies, population migration, rural industries, surplus war facilities, and general economic policy.

The Southern Association of Science and Industries, in conjunction with the University of North Carolina Institute for Research in Social Science, has already produced in 1948 two excellent studies, one on forestry, one on further industrial expansion in the South. Their forthcoming schedule includes studies on developmental research, wildlife resources, soils, natural resources, climate, minerals, recreation, and human resources.

In the field of state government, a lengthy report and recommendations on constitutional and legal changes should be available from Mr. Alexander Heard, through a study of the University of Alabama.

All the Universities cooperating in the Bureau of Public Administration studies have issued much material lately. The Resource-Use Education group

have useful studies completed and under way, and some of the State Planning Boards have done good work.

In the field of education, results should be had during 1949 from the Regional Council for Education.

Much material prepared by the federal government ten years or so ago and laid aside in the war period is still useful today.

From these various sources, and from many others, the South will be supplied during the coming year with a rich flow of factual research results. It would be the Council's business, in any case, to collect, study, and popularize information of this kind. With our tiny staff we would in ordinary course do a skimpy job on such an amount of fact. Fortunately, we have been able to engage the services of a patly competent person, Mr. Charles Smith, of Louisiana and Virginia. As of September last he went to work full-time for the Council, keeping his residence just outside Washington. He is painstakingly building a plan for southern development. The fundamental device is to divide the South into its major sub-regions - mountain, piedmont, plantation, and pin y woods, and those of the Southwest. He is producing a description of the status of each sub-region in industry, agriculture, population, and the main factors of social well or ill-being. He proposes then to state the things to be done, section by section of the South, in order to safeguard and develop to the full limits of present techniques our physical and human resources. It is a reasonable hope that in the latter part of 1949, through Mr. Smith's work, the Council will be able to present to the South a simple, understandable, and practical program of action which, if followed, should provide for all the people of the South the goal of basic equality in economic opportunity and in health, housing, education, and public services.

The best of plans do little good without the will and power to put them into effect. On this our resources as a Council are weak. We have earned the good will of much of the southern press, and doubtless the papers and journals of the South would be helpful in getting wide understanding of what the Council would be proposing. We have the r sources of our state divisions and affiliated state committees. They could be expected to take up the crucial job of hammering for action in the several fields laid out.

We have another resouce, whose effectiveness we can only guess at, but it may be quite important. That is in the extension of the device of the community self-survey, so admirably worked out in Jacksonville, Florida, over two years ago. You are familiar with the mechanics of that survey. A committee of responsible Jacksonville people themselves collected the information. They went down into slum situations and tabulated what they found. They inquired into bus services and recreational opportunities and sidewalks and sanitary services and so on. When the information was completed, they had something much better than their substantial printed volume; their city possessed a body of informed and effective people who, as a follow-up committee, got in the succeeding couple of years quite remarkable improvements.

Margaret Price here in the Council, with others on the staff who have helped her, has put together a manual designed to make it easy for smaller communities over the South to do that same job. It is called "The Home Town Self Survey", with the sub-title, "How to Get the Facts --Then What to Do." This manual is available in a preliminary, mimeographed edition. In it the Council makes an offer. We will provide for brief visits to any town undertaking a survey of this kind the services of a qualified professional adviser, provided that the committee in charge of the survey finds the money to cover the travel expense involved. We will also try, wherever it may

seem useful, to arrange a link with some appropriate faculty person in a college or university near the home town which is making the survey, in order that competent technical advise may be within easy reach. We hope that largely through the efforts of you who have come to today's meeting, and of your fellows interested in the Council's work in their own community, this manual can be quite widely used. The information asked for in its questionnaires is simple and basic. Correctly filled in, it would yield a new and interesting body of statistically comparable fact about southern towns and cities. Much more than that, the manual's wide use would start a ground swell of just the sort of local concern for home town betterment which was so effective in Jacksonville.

If surveys of this kind can be undertaken in dozens or perhaps in scores of southern communities, the energetic public opinion which that would build would be perhaps our richest resource for getting local action in the light of a major plan for the whole South. Each surveying community would locate itself on the maps in that plan, and would thus be readily tied into an over-all pattern of wholesome development for the South.

These are the things which we ourselves can do through our members and their friends in getting action on a plan. What our states will do and what the nation will do are imponderables. As to the states, the Council can, at any rate, spread the doctrine that they are to be regarded properly as instruments of the welfare of the public. After all, in any county a fast-growing if still too little recognized importance attaches to the work of the quiet staff of technical people who are active in highway engineering, public health, agricultural development, education, recreation, and in other similar services. The same thing is true of the states. Of old habit we think of them in old terms. Examine the budget of any one of them today and you will find nearly all the money going into modern public services of one kind or another. We can reasonably hope for the day when our southern state governments are seen

not as engines of white supremacy but as agencies of impartial public well-being. This bright day, it may be said in passing, will come in reality when state and local government admit to their council ungrudgingly, as a matter of practical usefulness, Negro citizenship in its full stature. As to the federal government, it may be said again that many now expect from it, cooperatively with the states, renewed attention to the every-day needs of the people in welfare matters.

The plan for the South which it is here recommended that the Council bend its energies toward in 1949 will need most of a year for its preperation Meanwhile the Council, in its studies over the last five years, knows in general the main things that need to be done. It has been our doctrine, well put by your executive committee in a statement of September 15, that the reforms which the South, assisted by the nation, needs to make in the field of civil rights will require underpinning by conscious action toward an improved economy and a sounder condition for our people.

From what we already have available, it is safe to lay out the following six physical goals toward which the South should now vigorously strive:

1. Expanding manufacturing and commercial industry, reaching into the parts of the South which have hitherto had little such development. Along with industrial growth we need also the rapid growth of public opinion in favor of fair employment practices.
2. In agriculture, a speeding-up in our already vigorous conversion from staple crops to livestock, fruits, vegetables, and other high-value specialty crops. With growing mechanization, we should of public policy take measures to preserve the pattern of the family farm where in the South it is already deeply rooted and to extend it vigorously into the plantation areas, whose lack of that fundamentally democratic institution is an important source of

many of our political and economic woes.

3. SCHOOLS. Already spending more of its taxes on schools, the South still gives much poor schooling than the rest of the country. In 1944-45, the Nation spent $134 per child in school; the South spent $82. To come up even with the Nation, the South would have to spend $330 million dollars on top of the $526 million it was already putting up. That's another 63 per cent. Even then our school buildings and equipment would be only half as good as the United States level. Just to be even with the whole country, the South would have to double its school investment. That means finding at least a billion-and-a-half dollars more for school and what goes in them. In achieving equality with the rest of the country, we must also achieve equality for everybody's children in the South.

4. HOUSING. The South today has a deficit of approximately two million homes. That many dwellings are needed, in urban and rural areas, to make up for the present shortage and to replace homes that are not really fit to live in. Much of the deficit can be made up by private builders, responding to the incentives in recent federal legislation. Some will require action by local authorities, aided by the federal government. Slums are extensive throughout the South. Since 1937 southern cities have replaced 56,000 slum dwellings with low-rent public housing. Now city and county public housing authorities are asking for federal aid in construction of an additional 100,000 urban and 150,000 rural homes. The need for public housing beyond that will depend on the ability of private builders to supply within the means of families of low and moderate income.

5. HEALTH. With the nation's greatest needs in health and medical care, the South has the fewest hospitals, doctors, dentist, and nurses. Of what we have, very little is in rural areas.

We need twice as many general hospital beds as the 160,00 we have-and that would only bring us to a minimum standard. Besides that, we need twice as many mental hospital beds and tuberculosis hospital beds.

In addition to doctors and dentists and hospitals and public health centers, we need a surer way for all our people to get care for their health.

6. SOCIAL SECURITY. By comparison with the rest of the country, fewer Southern workers are eligible for unemployment benefits and for old age and survivors' insurance benefits because under federal laws fewer Southern people are in covered occupations, and our lower wage scales have backed up smaller contributions.

On the public assistance features, aiding the elderly, the blind, and dependent children, our people get smaller sums because our states put up only small appropriations to supplement federal funds.

We need wider coverage, by federal and state law, and state and federal action for larger benefits.

What has been said earlier is the major recommendation of the staff for the Council's program for the year 1949. We shall expect to find time and funds for a good deal else besides. We ought to add at least a thousand new members. We ought to strengthen our state organizations, and that should include the growth of active local chapters and committees of the Council over the South.

A suggested main job for our membership could be equalization of school facilities. That is coming, willy-nilly. Who in the South would not greatly prefer to see it come willy? We can get it in that way at the price of collecting the facts, town by town, and pressing immediately in constructive

common citizdnship to make our schools equal for all.

We should continue our modest service as a channel for corrective action where it is suspected or known that people's rights are being invaded. It is a hopeful sign that the Council and its committees and divisions handle fewer such cases than we used to have years back, but we still want to be able to put quick energy into unraveling them as they come up.

We would propose to continue to publish New South as a device for getting topical information and stimulus out to our own people and to the many others whose thought is influenced by our members.

Clearly, we should continue to press our editorial campaign on civil rights. We have in stock a good digest of the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and its accompanying textlet called "The Condition of our Rights." These have both been popular and useful in getting across the main facts about the need for stepped-up popular support and stepped-up state and federal legislation in this field. This whole matter of enlarging the rights and improving the condition of people in the South is the core of the Council's job. As opportunity for effective work presents, we should devote our time in generous measure to this great effort.

We have a number of topics on which we can expect to prepare and print special pamphlets in the coming months.

The first of these is a manual for newspapermen on the handling of race in the news. It is being worked up by Mr. Calvin Kytle, now of the Journalism Department of Emory University. He has had the help of several southern state newspaper publishers' associations in circulating his questionnaire and we have all helped him with clippings showing good and bad treatment of matters of race in news stories. Our hope is that newspaper offices will use the manual in training their reporting staff in the, after all, fairly simple rules of being fair.

Mr. Harding Hughes has completed a revised version of his useful and popular pamphlet, "The Economic Value of the Negro to the South." When we have money for printing, it will appear as "The Negro in our Economy."

Professor Benjamin Bullock at Atlanta University is at work on a pamphlet on farm tenancy. His thesis will be the ready gains to be had in such a revision of our state laws on farm land tenure as will regularize the ladder of progression from sharecropper to tenant and then to owner, protecting with stipulated written lease clauses each man's status as he comes up.

Mention has already been made of the manual on the home town survey, which we want to get into printed form.

Some work has gone into a round-up of official pronouncements by southern church bodies on matters relating to civil rights, race, and economic welfare.

We have other ideas which could be developed. One of these is for a pamphlet on state and local civil service systems. Nearly the whole of the South is woefully backward in this phase of public administration services. Model civil service laws are a dime a dozen. Various private associations are actively interested in promoting the civil service avenue to improved administration. We could usefully get this program better known.

The South is in need of a southern-prepared, temperate, informative, and persuasive pamphlet about fair employment practices. The movement for a fair break in public and private employment is an old one, worked at by many groups, and one which has found expression in a variety of devices. The fact that one of these devices - - the wartime Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission - - has become a symbol of controversy should merely stir us all to find every effective way of furthering the general movement for being fair about bread and butter. Many southern employers have found it

good business to recruit, train, and promote personnel on a basis of availability and ability, without regard to race. The purely private practice is being extended, and could be extended much more rapidly. The trade unions in several of our leading southern industries are active in protecting, by contract and by day-to-day negotiation, the practice of racial fairness. The federal government, let us hope, will under the recent Executive Order set an example on this whole matter. State and local government should do likewise. Whatever is done in legislation in this field will need all the supporting public opinion the South can muster. The Council would serve well by getting to the people the unalarming and wholesome fact that modern industrial and public administration possess the technique of getting fair play in employment without destroying public order.

Another is the field of vocational education. As the South makes its conversion from an agricultural to a mainly industrial economy, it will need more and more, both in its agricultural and its industry, a technically competent citizenship. We have been laggard in providing the education in skills which every industrial society finds rewarding and necessary. We have also a long-neglected project for describing the changes needed in the South in our public system of social security.

It will be recalled that the various state divisions and affilated division of the Council were queried as to their wishes for program for 1949. Five or six came back with detailed suggestions. Most of those reporting said, in effect, that the present general program of the Council seemed suitable. Among new suggestions were: better finances for state committees, closer links between the Council and affiliated state interracial committees, work for Negro jury service, work for the admission to graduate and professional schools of all qualified applicants, regardless of race, work for school buses for Negro children, publicity and condemnation of the KKK and

similar fascist organizations, public meetings over the South presenting the statement of the Council on matters of civil rights, and improved welfare services for children.

These, then are the things your staff would like to give the coming year to. Getting them done is mainly a matter of having the money to do them. The staff itself cannot both do the work and get the money. The staff will help on money. But it is going to be up to our members to find and send in, their own state organizations and for the Council as a whole, substantially larger sums than have been found in the past. Further, more of the money should and can be raised in the South itself. The South is strong enough now to help itself. Your staff pleads that the membership will take responsibility for finding ways to pay for work which by your presence here today you show that you esteem.

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LUNCHEON

(All in the spirit of fun)

Tune: And the Band Played On

That eminent doper
Of Fortune, Sir Roper,
Is on the run;
His facts were so screwy
He had Thomas Dewey
In Washington.
The bright dopester boys
Gave him old Illinois,
Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah!
The hapless poor souls
Are now scratching their polls,
And they're plenty raw.

Now Gallop's aglow -
(Out in New Mexico,
It's a lovely place).
But a cold shrivelled scallop
For Dear Doctor Gallup
In his disgrace!
It sure was inhuman
For President Truman
To turn all the tables just so!
Let's all be determined
To make every Thurmond
Eat cold Jim Crow!

Tune: There are Smiles

There are Johnsons known in hist'ry,
There are Johnsons known to fame,
There are twins up in old New Jersey,
Johnson - Johnson, is their name.
There was one who occupied the White House,
Johnson's wax we also like to buy;
But of all the Johnsons we have heard of,
We'll take Charles of Fisk and Guy.

There are Williams in our histories,
Kings of Europe by the score;
Williams' fragrant shaving cream and lotions
Every day are used by men galore;
Now William Alexander's new book
Will hold a breathless world in thrall,
But of all the Williams we have heard of
Sweetest William is our Paul.
(this one's tricky)
Now that we are handing out our orchids,
In a way that's willy-nilly
Here's a bud of really gorgeous color
To our dear toiler, Mrs. Tilly.
To Monsignor T. James McNamara,
Dr. Hancock and our loyal legions,
You deserve a brick of gold the purest
The size of Odum's "Southern Regions".

Tune: Now is the Hour

Now is the hour to sing in happy songs,
A long farewell, to all our Civil Wrongs;
Let's Strom our gittars, our Fielding must be right,
To all the Dixiecrats, a sad good-night.

Now is the hour to pledge our loyalty
To the ideals of the Good old S.R.C.
We dedicate, our hearts, our arms, our mouth
To bring tomorrows brighter for our (loved) South.

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 10 - Members of the Southern Regional Council, gathered here today for their fifth annual meeting, laid plans for "getting local action in the light of a major plan for the whole South."

The Council is a non-political, non-profit organization made up of Southern people of both races, many of them educators, civic and labor leaders, businessmen, professional people, and church leaders. It has as its announced aim the attainment of "equal opportunity for all the South's people."

Some 100 delegates, representing ten Southern States, heard Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director of the Council, outline a comprehensive survey of the South's needs and resources, now under way.

Dr. Mitchell said the Council is at work on "the things to be done, section by section of the South, to safeguard and develop our physical and human resources."

"It is a reasonable hope," he said, "that during 1949 the Council will be able to present to the South a simple, understandable and practical program of action to provide for all the people of the South the goal of basic equality in economic opportunity, and in health, housing, education, and public services."

To put this program into effect at the local level, the Southern group will offer technical aid to small communities wishing to make civic improvements. A manual entitled "The Home Town Self-Survey" will be made available, as well as advisory service by the Council staff. Wide use of the community survey, said Dr. Mitchell, "would start a ground swell of local concern for home town betterment."

Meanwhile, the Council pointed to six major needs at which the region should work:

1. Expanded manufacturing and commercial industry, both in present industrial areas and in new, undeveloped areas. "Along with industrial growth," said Dr. Mitchell, "we need also the rapid growth of public opinion in favor of fair

(more)

employment practices."

2. Speeded up conversion from staple crops to livestock, fruits, vegetables and other high-value specialty crops; and the extension of the pattern of the family farm.

3. Raising of educational standards to the national levels, on a basis of equality for the two races. Although the South now spends a larger proportion of its taxes on schools than the rest of the country, it will have to double its investment to reach par.

4. A vigorous effort by federal and local governments and private builders to reduce the present shortage of two million houses in the South.

5. Providing the necessary hospital beds and medical personnel--about twice the existing number--to reach minimum health standards; also, surer ways of putting medical care within the reach of low-income families.

6. Securing wider coverage, by state and federal laws, of social security benefits. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that under prevailing laws "fewer Southern people are in covered occupations, and our lower wage scales have backed up smaller contributions."

The members of the Council adopted a statement issued earlier by the group's executive committee, calling for a more statesmanlike approach to the civil rights problem and urging a three-way remedy--legal, economic, and educational.

Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Va., president of the organization, described as "one of the hopeful developments of the past year" the fact that "both the South and the nation have received a vast amount of education about civil rights."

"However unwillingly," he stated, "the South is beginning to look at its undemocratic practices in the light of world and national opinion. It will become increasingly hard for the region to take discriminations for granted and practice them as a matter-of-course."

The 1949 program adopted at the meeting also calls for efforts to speed up equalization of school facilities for whites and Negroes and for a review of state laws governing farm tenancy.

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947-48 OF THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee, in addition to its meeting just before the membership meeting in 1947, met February 25, 1948, and September 15, 1948.

The Executive Committee took the following major actions:

Arranged the appointment of a three-man advisory committee in an effort to replace in part the work of an associate director.

Explored with care the proposal to establish a national advisory committee. Many names were selected, and the committee is prepared to further this move when the finances of the Council appear more stable.

Arranged that the several state divisions and affiliated interracial committees be asked to contribute their ideas for program for the Council for 1949.

Appointed a finance committee composed of Mr. Paul Williams, Dr. Charles Johnson, Mr. J. M. Tydings, Dr. Will W. Alexander, and Mr. John Wheeler.

Explored the question of an honor award and left decision as to selection of persons to be honored at some future date to the Executive Committee.

Reviewed and approved the efforts of the staff to obtain a commitment from the Southern Governors in February for a positive and constructive program of action in the field of civil and human rights.

Approved the development of a manual for community self-surveys.

Approved the preparation of a manual for newspaper offices on "Race in the News."

Approved the preparation of a pamphlet on southern state legislation in the field of farm land leases.

Issued with its approval the September 15 statement on civil rights

called "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy" as its recommendation on the Council's stand with regard to the civil rights program.

Recommended continuance of the present executive director and secretary-treasurer for 1948.

Retained a new auditor.

Recommended to the Board and to the membership an increase in dues to $3.00 a year. Subscription to New South to be $1.50; joint membership $4.00. Half of all memberships from states with state divisions to be returned to those divisions.

Arranged the tentative selection of additional Fellows.

As to two or three directions from the Board, no action was taken:

The Board meeting of November 11, 1947 had ordered that "a committee of the Board be appointed to go into the whole matter of segregation and the type of statement to be made on the cost, injustices, and suggested improvements with the consultation of Dr. Ira Reid; and that the committee estimate the cost of such a publication."

The executive director delayed any recommendation to the Executive Committee on this until he could himself review the mass of material collected earlier and ~~is still delinquent in~~ has still not acted on this matter. It is suggested that the services of the new advisory committee will make possible an early analysis of the material and report to the Executive Committee.

The Board also recommended that a variety of standing committees from the Board and from the membership be appointed to work constantly with the staff on various stages of the program. A careful analysis of the Board membership has been made to this end, but the executive committee has not pressed selection of such standing committees.

The annual meeting of November 12, 1947, had instructed the staff to produce a pamphlet on vocational education in agriculture and industry. No action has thus far been taken on this.

The membership meeting also instructed the Executive Committee to set up a committee to go in person for a hearing with the administrators of the Veterans' Administration and with the President of the United States, on shortcomings of the Veterans' Administration in the matter of the employment of Negro personnel and on enlargement of services to Negro veterans. The executive director from time to time made efforts to obtain sufficient facts to enable a useful presentation, but found it impossible to get them without very expensive travel to all of the southern state capitals and to many offices of the Veterans' Administration. In the absence of funds to do this, the matter was allowed to wait. It may well be that the recent Executive Order attempting to establish fair employment practices within the federal govenment will have the desired effect on the personnel policies of the Veterans' Administration.

Needless to say, a great part of the time of each meeting of the executive committee was taken up with efforts to raise funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Executive Committee

Minutes approved by Lee Russell Art Lawrence Lucy Thorson

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1949 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, Library of Atlanta University

November 9, 1949

MORNING

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:33	Invocation
9:33 - 9:35	Dr. Clement, Our Host
9:35 - 9:38	Adoption of order of business. Adoption of rules
9:38 - 9:40	Minutes
9:40 -10:00	Opening Remarks by Pres. Williams
10:00 -10:30	Reports from the States
10:30 -10:40	Mrs. Tilly: Report on Southwide Women's Meeting
10:40 -11:00	Introduction of Staff Members Membership - Mrs. Carole Curry Publications - Mr. Harold C. Fleming Home Town Self-Survey Project - Mrs. Jane P. Simpson Advisory Committee - Mr. S. E. Nabrit Mrs. Henry Havens
11:00 -11:30	State Reports
11:30 -11:45	Finance Report
11:45 -12:00	Proposed program for 1950
12:00 -12:15	Mr. Thomas F. Byrd
12:15 -12:30	Interval

LUNCH: 12:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 1:45	Interval
1:45 - 2:20	Report from Board on finances - Mr. J. M. Tydings - Discussion
2:20 - 2:35	Discussion on Program, past and future Adoption of Budget for 1950
2:35 - 2:45	Report on Resolutions, and action
2:45 - 2:55	Changes in By-laws 1. To exclude associates from Board 2. To change By-laws, giving General Counsel ex-officio membership on Executive Committee.
2:55 - 3:15	Elections to Board of Directors - Led by Mrs. Hortense Young, Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Membership
3:15 - 3:30	Other business
3:40	Adjournment
3:50	BOARD MEETING

PROPOSED RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SRC

November 9, 1949

No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

Speakers will state name and State.

All resolutions must be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
NOVEMBER 4, 1949

ASSETS

First National Bank	862.04	
Citizens Trust Co.	184.98	
Accounts Receivable	165.15	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		1,213.17

LIABILITIES AND DEFICIT

Accounts Payable	2,170.00	
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00	
Due State Divisions	395.59	
Withholding Taxes	249.00	
Southwide Meeting Church Women	184.98	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,499.57
DEFICIT		3,286.40-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFICIT		1,213.17

SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
NOVEMBER 4, 1949

Printing - Publications	1,607.42
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00
State Divisions	395.59
Withholding Taxes	249.00
Southwide Meeting Church Women	184.98
Office Supplies	146.58
Telephone and Telegraph	142.77
Rent	130.00
Printing	65.50
Salaries	35.00
Travel	30.53
Press Clippings	12.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,499.57

STATEMENT OF DEFICIT

DEFICIT 1-1-1949	12,156.72
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES	8,870.32
DEFICIT 11-4-1949	3,286.40

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
JANUARY 1, 1949 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1949

INCOME:	
Julius Rosenwald Fund	25,000.00
Contributions	7,662.30
Anonymous Donors	5,500.00
Catholic Sources	2,500.00
Sale of Misc. Literature	2,067.36
Dues	2,008.75
Methodist Church Contributions	1,850.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00
M. R. Ascoli Fund	500.00
Gen. Bd. of Education - Methodist Church	500.00
Sale of Soundscriber	300.00
New South Subscriptions	251.20
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00
Honoraria and Royalties	139.12
Province of Sewanee--Episcopal Church	100.00
Interest	75.00
Ashby Jones Fund	25.00
Kentucky Division, SRC	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	49,253.73
EXPENSES:	
Salaries	26,463.64
Printing of Publications	4,509.04
Travel	3,611.96
Rent	1,530.00
Postage	1,221.26
Office Expense	762.18
Telephone and Telegraph	629.56
Honoraria	430.00
Printing	372.08
Office Equipment	200.00
Books and Subscriptions	191.60
Press Clippings	133.80
Audit	125.00
Special Services	98.14
Insurance	41.44
Miscellaneous	35.13
Interest	20.00
Bank Charges	8.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,383.41
Excess of Income over Expenses	8,870.32
	49,253.73

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 1949 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1949

RECEIPTS:

Building and Loan Association	20,000.00
Contributions	7,662.30
Anonymous Donors	5,500.00
Withholding Taxes (withheld)	2,676.11
Catholic Sources	2,500.00
Dues	2,013.25
Loan - Citizens Trust Co.	2,000.00
Sale of Misc. Literature	1,967.36
Methodist Church Contributions	1,850.00
Southwide Meeting of Church Women	1,755.61
Loan - Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell	1,500.00
Collections for State Divisions	1,495.09
Travel Refunds	618.45
Salaries Reimbursed	558.47
M. Ascoli Fund	500.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00
Gen. Bd. of Education - Methodist Church	500.00
Interest Earned	300.00
Sale of Soundscriber	300.00
New South Subscriptions	251.20
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00
Royalties and Honoraria	139.12
Office Supplies Refunded	133.95
Postage Refunds	132.45
Telephone and Telegraph Refunds	123.28
Province of Sewannee--Episcopal Church	100.00
Ashby Jones Fund	25.00
Kentucky Division SRC	25.00
Misc. Refunds	14.74
Refunds on Books and Subscriptions	12.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,5403.38
Balance in Bank 1-1-1949	204.15
	5,5607.53

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	26,987.11
Notes Payable	7,000.00
Travel	4,199.80
Printing - Publications	2,901.62
Withholding Taxes	2,678.31
1948 Accounts Payable	1,966.11
Southwide Meeting of Church Women	1,570.63
Remitted to State Divisions	1,534.21
Rent	1,400.00
Postage	1,353.71
Office Expense	749.55
Telephone and Telegraph	610.07
Honoraria	430.00
Printing - Stationery	306.58
Books and Magazine Subscriptions	203.60
Office Equipment	200.00
Audit	125.00
Press Clippings	121.60
Special Services	98.14
Executive Committee Luncheons	44.87
Insurance	41.44
Interest	20.00
Bank Charges	8.58
Refunds: Dues and New South	5.50
Miscellaneous	4.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	54,560.51
Balance in Bank 11-4-49	1,047.02
	55,607.53

approved by Lucy Mason
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Art Levin

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting

November 9, 1949

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council was held on November 9, 1949, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library. President Paul D. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Following the invocation by the Rev. E. H. Harrison, and adoption of rules for the meeting, a series of state reports were heard.

The South Carolina and Florida reports were made respectively by Mr. J. M. Dabbs and Mr. G. D. Rogers. As the accounts did not vary greatly from those provided in the October, 1949, New South, they will not be detailed here.

For the Kentucky Division, Mr. J. M. Tydings described their work as that of strategists and coordinators of groups that would otherwise overlap. He spoke of the effectiveness of individual members of the Division in getting desirable legislation. Kentucky was the first southern university to admit Negroes into its graduate school. He thought that the University of Louisville, at the close of the pending court suit, would also open its doors.

For Alabama, Mr. W. R. Ragland reported briefly on efforts to improve educational facilities.

For Virginia, Mr. Emerson Smith listed among the gains the almost complete equalization of teachers salaries and the progress made toward equal school buildings, the desirable arrangement for nurses training at the medical college of Virginia, the general high esteem with which the Negro member of the Richmond City Council is held, the obvious growth of the liberal vote in the state as a whole, the appointment of nine election judges and fourteen Negro election clerks, the entirely interracial character of the Council of Churches and the now well established policy of two theological seminaries in the state to admit Negroes to graduate study.

For Texas, Mrs. James S. Crate described the activities of members of the Texas Interracial Commission on behalf of a broader franchise and of the anti-lynching

bill which was passed in a mild form. The Commission had been interested also in juvenile courts. Sub-committees have worked on interesting others in the state on social welfare and on political and civil rights. The Texas Commission hopes to employ an executive secretary. Monthly meetings of the local membership are being held in Houston. The San Antonio group is beginning a self-survey, using the Council's materials. Houston now has a short term police school and has increased the number of Negro policemen on the force to twenty-one. She described the Council on Education and Race Relations, composed of seven organizations including the Texas Interracial Commission. These groups work together and arrange several city-wide interracial meetings each year with attendence of a thousand or twelve hundred.

Opportunity presenting itself, President Rufus E. Clement welcomed the group to Atlanta University.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly for the Interracial Committee and for her own work on behalf of the Council as a whole, spoke of the efforts made to unmask the Klan in Georgia and of achievements of various of the local groups of the Georgia Commission. She reviewed the Southwide meeting of church women held in Atlanta and described the emerging work of the Fellowship of the Concerned. She said that it was to be expected that with considerable further work, a listing could be made of women willing in every county of the South to observe the work of their courts and law enforcement agencies and bring their influence to bear on equal justice and lessening of racial tension.

President Williams announced the standing Committees as follows:

Nominating Committee of Membership for Board of Directors:

Mrs. Hortense Young of Kentucky, Chairman,
Mr. Cyrus Johnson of North Carolina
Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells of Mississippi
Dr. E. B. Perry of Texas
Mrs. C. B. Smith of Tennessee

Nominating Committee of the Board for Executive Committee:

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Chairman
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Alice Spearman
Mr. Luther Jackson

Resolutions Committee:

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Miss Josephine Wilkins

As it had not been possible for any of the members of the nominating committee, of which Mrs. Hortense Young is Chairman, to be present, Mr. Williams appointed a temporary committee of which Miss Caroline Gillespie served as chairman.

After the various members of the Council staff were introduced, Mrs. Curry reported that the Council staff had taken on in the last year 682 additional members and had dropped 97 for non-payment of dues or other causes.

Harold Fleming reviewed briefly the publications program.

Mrs. Jane Simpson described the various home town self-survey projects under way and in preparation.

The Executive Director described the assistance given by the members of the advisory committee.

Mrs. Havens reported on her work as field secretary of Tennessee, Florida, and South Carolina, emphasizing the need for additional field work.

The detailed financial report was given by Mr. Henry Birnbrey in the absence of Mrs. McKoy who was ill. This report follows. The Executive Director provided some further analysis of the figures.

Mr. Paul Williams as president then addressed the meeting. He said that the South has for too long tried to maintain itself with defensive values. He urged a return to the positive "Southern traditions" of Jefferson, Mason, and Patrick Henry. The role of the Southern Regional Council, he said, is to work for these principles with "Christian charity and courage applied in the right place at the right time."

At the suggestion of several members including Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr. Gordon Hancock, and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, it was agreed that arrangements should be made for a wide distribution of Mr. Williams address.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

Upon reconvening at two p.m., Mr. Thomas F. Byrd, Associate Director, was intro-

duced. He discussed the Council's fund raising plans and emphasized that the sums needed could only be had through the closest cooperative efforts of members of the Board and of each individual member of the Council.

In discussing financial needs of the Council, Miss Caroline Gillespie suggested that many might be willing to give small sums. It was pointed out that the campaign conducted during late 1948 and the first half of 1949 for ten dollar contributions had indeed been very productive (netting over three thousand dollars) and on that account some reluctance was felt in asking the members to make additional contributions at this point.

At the suggestion of Miss Lucy Randolph Mason who urged the setting up of various classes of membership, it was moved and voted that several such classes be established.

The Executive Director in presenting the program for the coming year suggested that emphasis be placed on the work of the "Fellowship of the Concerned", on following through with Race in the News and obtaining the maximum improvement in the southern press on its handling of racial news, on civil rights, and on appointments and elections of members of minority groups to places of public trust. He went on to state that in his view, the most effective work on behalf of the Council's general program could only be done by vigorous state divisions and local chapters. He thought that the divisions would only reach real stature if they had sufficient means to employ part-time or full-time personnel. For his part, he said, if the Council had substantial additional means, an early priority should be arrangements with the various state divisions under which a sum of approximately one thousand dollars each could be made available to them.

Mr. Arthur Raper, reviewing his association with the work of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in the early 1930's, described with appreciation the broadening program of the Council today.

Miss Mary Jane Willett made suggestions under which the work of the Council's office might be divided into various projects, the several projects to be independently financed.

The Reverend V. J. O'Conner, present in the city for the meeting of the executive committee of the Catholic Committee of the South, was introduced and spoke of the friendly way in which the two organizations had been associated.

Mr. Marion Wright, as chairman of the resolutions committee, reported that no resolutions had been submitted to him but that his committee urged a rising vote of thanks be given to all those at Atlanta University that made the meeting possible. This was done.

Upon presentation by the Executive Director of possible changes in the bylaws, the following two changes were made by vote:

Section 1, Article 4 (insert language underscored:) conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, <u>all members of which shall be actually residing within the Council area</u>.

Section 1, Article 5 (insert language underscored:) seven members in addition to the President and Vice-Presidents <u>and Counsel</u>.

The meeting was informed that discussion had been held in the Executive Committee Meeting and the Board Meeting as to the desirability of arrangements under which members of the Executive Committee might be represented at its meetings by proxy. After discussion, the membership meeting rejected this device.

Miss Caroline Gillespie, as temporary Chairman of the nominating committee for members of the Board, brought in the following recommendations:

Dr. Glenn W. Rainey,	Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Alonzo Moron,	Hampton Institute, Virginia
Mr. E. L. Abercrombie,	Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. D. Swan Haworth, First Baptist Church	Vicksburg, Mississippi
President Ralph D. Wellons	Pembroke, N. C.
Mr. Morris Abram,	Atlanta, Georgia
Father Vincent O'Connell,	New Orleans, Louisiana
Mr. Donald Comer,	Birmingham, Alabama
Mr. Charles Smith,	Arlington, Virginia
Mr. Paul Christopher,	Knoxville, Tennessee
Mr. James L. Coker,	Hartsville, S. C.
Mr. A. T. Butler,	Columbia, S. C.
Rabbi Charles Mantinband,	Florence Alabama
Miss Cassandra Maxwell	Orangeburg, S. C.

Upon motion, the following were elected:

Class of 1953 --	Mr. A. T. Butler Mr. J. L. Coker Dr. Glenn Rainey Dr. A. Moron Rabbi Mantinband Mr. E. L. Abercrombie Miss Cassandra Maxwell
Class of 1952 --	Mr. R. D. Wellons Dr. D. S. Haworth Father V. O'Connell Mr. Morris Abram
Class of 1951 --	Mr. Paul Christopher
Class of 1950 --	Mr. Donald Comer Mr. Charles Smith

Mr. Edward Harrison commented that although the publicity of the Council is improving, he thought the membership meeting merited greater press notice and suggested that for another year we arrange a mass meeting with a prominent speaker, etc. The president undertook that this would be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Gordon Hancock opened discussion on the recent events of Jefferson College at Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Philip Shulhafer, Mr. Philip S. Ogilvie and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames took varying points of view. The staff undertook to provide a considered statement of what had occurred.

Dr. Hancock pressed the idea of self-surveys and mentioned that Richmond, twenty years afterward, was still getting benefits from the survey made there.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

Annual Meeting
1950

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 8, 1950, 9:30-4:30

AGENDA

9:30 Registration

10:00 Convening of Meeting

Invocation

10:05 Purposes of the meeting -- President Paul D. Williams

10:20 Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

11:00 Discussion groups

A. Meets in Lounge, 2nd floor

Selection of summarizer

Resource people: Charles Mantinband
Harry V. Richardson
Marion A. Wright

B. Meets in Club Room, 2nd floor

Selection of summarizer

Resource people: Mrs. James S. Crate
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Alonzo Moron

Topics suggested:

1. On approcahes to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools
2. Preparedness for stress -- local interracial committees
3. Statement on public schools administration
4. Other program -- self-surveys; Race in the News; others

12:15 Luncheon Interval

12:30 Luncheon

1:45 Reconvene as a body

1. Oral reports from summarizers

2. Discussion

2:30 Questions to staff members

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Mrs. Norma Huff, Secretary-Treasurer
Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Research
Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Membership Secretary

3:00 Report of Chairman of Finance Committee

3:20 Budget for 1951

3:40 Report of Resolutions Committee

3:50 Report of Nominations Committee

4:00 Election of new Board members

4:15 Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

INCOME:		
Contributions (See Exhibit "A")	26,495.78	
Membership Dues	3,791.30	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	1,014.73	
Honoraria	618.75	
New South Subscriptions	423.44	
TOTAL INCOME		32,304.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	18,235.16	
Fund Raising Fee	6,000.00	
Travel	2,548.48	
Printing - New South & Misc. Lit.	1,712.65	
Office Supplies	1,174.93	
Rent	1,157.00	
Postage	1,035.30	
Telephone & Telegraph	672.89	
Press Clippings	183.00	
Audit	135.00	
Interest	75.50	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions	67.20	
Meetings and Luncheons	15.81	
Miscellaneous	14.50	
Bank Charges	9.70	
Insurance	9.00	
Special Services	5.00	
Returned Checks	2.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		33,053.32
INCREASE OF DEFICIT		$ 749.32-

Exhibit "A"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

CHURCH SOURCES:			
Methodist:			
Division of Home Missions	750.00		
Women's Div. of Christian Service, Bd. of Missions	1,000.00		
Board of Education	200.00		
Women's Society of Christian Service:			
Kentucky	25.00		
Mississippi	25.00		
Memphis	25.00		
Tennessee	40.00		
Alabama	10.00		
North Carolina	25.00	2,100.00	
Catholic Sources:			
Catholic Missionary Union	1,000.00		
The Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago	1,000.00		
Cath. Committee of South	125.00	2,125.00	
American Friends Service Comm.		1,000.00	
Episcopal:			
Women's Auxiliary, Natl. Council, Diocese of Fla.		15.00	
TOTAL CHURCH SOURCES			5,240.00
FOUNDATIONS:			
Phelps-Stokes Fund		1,000.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund		300.00	
Marshall Field Foundation		2,500.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		250.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation		1,000.00	
TOTAL FOUNDATIONS			5,050.00
OTHER SOURCES:			
Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney		2,000.00	
Anonymous Manufacturer		1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America-CIO		1,000.00	
Textile Workers Union of America-CIO		500.00	
U.A.W.-CIO		500.00	
South Carolina State Division		15.00	
General Contributions		2,350.06	7,365.06

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Exhibit "A"

Schedule of Contributions Continued

STATE EFFORTS:		
Georgia	3,422.50 1/	
South Carolina	1,255.88 3/	
Tennessee	828.00	
Virginia	732.00	
Alabama	536.84	
Texas	495.00	
Louisiana	469.00 2/	
North Carolina	401.00	
Kentucky	285.50	
Mississippi	259.00	
Florida	156.00	8,840.72
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		26,495.78

1/ includes Abram-Haas Atlanta Emergency Appeal - $1,520.00
2/ includes $300.00 Edgar Stern Family Fund
3/ includes $174.00 South Carolina dues returned to complete pledge

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STATE PLEDGES

	Pledged	Paid
ALABAMA	500.00	536.84
FLORIDA	—	156.00
GEORGIA	2,350.00	3,422.50
KENTUCKY	1,000.00	285.50
LOUISIANA	500.00	469.00
MISSISSIPPI	2,000.00	259.00
NORTH CAROLINA	2,000.00	401.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,250.00	1,255.88
TENNESSEE	1,000.00	828.00
TEXAS	500.00	495.00
VIRGINIA	800.00	732.00
TOTALS	11,900.00	8,840.72

Exhibit "B"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
OCTOBER 31, 1950

Thomas F. Byrd		6,000.00
Dr. George S. Mitchell, Loan and Interest		1,575.00
Stein Printing Co.		557.95
State Divisions:		
Alabama	18.00	
Arkansas	1.50	
Florida	7.50	
Kentucky	6.50	
Mississippi	16.50	
North Carolina	18.50	
South Carolina	2.50	
Tennessee	9.00	80.00
Salaries:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	312.50	
Mrs. Norma Huff	116.66	429.16
Withholding Taxes		191.10
Travel:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	37.11	
W. W. Alexander	67.00	104.11
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.		49.16
Gershon Printing Co.		42.00
Clipping Service		28.30
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.		25.65
Dictating Machine Co.		11.88
Milton Jones Co.		9.50
Ivan-Allan-Marshall Co.		6.50
F. G. Bernal Co.		5.20
Elliott's Addressing Machine Co.		3.27
Office Supply Co.		2.25
TOTAL		$ 9,121.03

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Annual Membership Meeting. November 8, 1950

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council met in the Auditorium of the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y.W.C.A., 599 Tatnall Street, S. W., ~~December~~ November 8, 1950. The following members were present:

Rufus E. Clement
Mrs. Weona Cleveland
Mrs. Irving H. Cohn
Mrs. James E. Crate
J. M. Dabbs
A. W. Dent
Mrs. F. P. Drake
Thomas Eagan
Frank Fennell
C. W. Fogleman
Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
C. G. Gomillion
Ross Groshong
Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Rev. Raymond F. Harvey
D. Swan Haworth
W. Hardin Hughes
Mrs. John S. Hurt
Guy B. Johnson
Lewis W. Jones
Mrs. W. H. Killian
Arthur J. Levin
John Long
Charles Mantinband
Mrs. Charles Mantinband
Lucy R. Mason
Benjamin E. Mays
Arthur W. Mitchell
Mrs. Arthur W. Mitchell
William P. Mitchell
Alonzo G. Moron
Ernest E. Neal
N. C. Newbold
Mrs. Hugh C. Owen
Lolla M. Patterson
C. H. Parrish
J. E. Pierce
Glenn W. Rainey
Florence M. Read
Harry V. Richardson
I. E. Saporta
Mrs. Boris Scherbak
Robert S. Shea
R. B. Shorts
Mrs. Philip E. Shulhafer
C. Emerson Smith
Mrs. Nathan Starr
Ruth Stone
Mrs. M. L. Stroud
Harold Trigg
Mrs. Edward Vinson
Mrs. M. L. Walker
Ray Warwick
Mrs. Ray Warwick
Forrester B. Washington
R. D. Wellons
J. H. Wheeler
Mrs. William C. White
W. W. Wilke
Paul D. Williams
Ruth M. Williams
Marion A. Wright

The following staff members were present: Harold C. Fleming, Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Mrs. Norma Huff, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, George S. Mitchell, Elizabeth Rogers, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

The meeting was called to order by Paul D. Williams, President of the Council, at 10:10 A.M. The invocation was given by Rabbi Mantinband.

Mr. Williams described the order of business that had been worked out for this year's meeting. In previous years, the meeting has consisted of a series of reports by qualified persons, followed by general discussion. However, the committee which planned this meeting believed that the membership of the Council contains some of the best qualified persons in this field, and that this resource of experience and ideas has not been adequately tapped. The Board at its meeting yesterday broke up into subcommittees to discuss specific topics, and in the afternoon reconvened as a whole to hear reports from each subcommittee and discuss what had been accomplished and recommended. Today, the procedure will be the same. This group will break up into two Committees to hear and discuss reports from yesterday's Board meeting. Then after lunch, the membership will meet as a whole to discuss what has been done this morning.

The Report of the Secretary-Treasurer followed.

Upon motion, duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Report be accepted as read, with thanks. (See Minutes of Board of Directors meeting.)

Mr. Williams, in a summary talk (printed in full in the November-December 1950 issue of New South) laid out a program for the South to follow in achieving full democracy.

Following Mr. Williams' address, the meeting divided into two committees for discussion of program and policy.

Discussion Committee A

With Mr. Wright as Chairman and Mr. Trigg as summarizer, the Committee heard from Mr. Richardson the proceedings of the Board meeting the day before, mainly on the subject of improvement of teaching materials for school use. Rabbi Mantinband made a number of practical proposals for lessening the segregation of

ideas prevailing in the South. Mrs. Cohn pointed out the importance of correcting the material available in related fields, such as civics, literature, and biology. Mr. Wright thought that the thing we ought to aim at ultimately is not a description of Negro history and Negro contributions, but the sentiment that "here is a man who who happens to be Negro (or white)."

Mrs. Cohn recalled that one point made yesterday was the need for two different types of approach. There are teachers who have to have their own lack of information remedied, and perhaps the Council should furnish them with the type of information we have been talking about. But there are others who know the facts and are ready and anxious to move into teaching better human relations. They face the problem of how to bring about better feeling among childfen in a segregated school system. They are approaching race relations from the perspective of human relations. It is not possible to use the same material with teachers on different levels of development. On the lower level, the need is for factual material; on the higher level, human relations.

Mr. Washington spoke about the problem of approaching the people at the top in the school system, the people who supervise those who do the actual teaching. He thought that we need to make an appeal to their self-interest; to point out that white children and adults suffer from an ambivalent situation in which, on the one hand, democracy is preached, and on the other hand there is the inability to accept and understand differences. Because of this, we have poor citizens, unstable workers, and unstable voters. Mr. Washington pointed out the challenge to the Council to use a new attack. He thought that, since the foundations have shifted their focus toward human relations and away from the older intellectual education, the Council should go after large foundation sums for the purpose of making better citizens generally. Such a program would involve people who are experts in the field of human relations -- social workers, social psychiatrists,

psychiatrists, etc.

Mr. Dent stressed that the first step is to define our goals. He believed that the acceptance of segregation is dangerous, and that if the Council cannot retain its respectability in the South while saying segregation must go, then it should forfeit its respectability. He thought that the natural effect of accepting segregation is that students and teachers say, "There must be some difference between Negroes and whites because we are segregated," and that the Council will get nowhere as long as it accepts the status quo. He made the further point that the South must get rid of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Negro Schools; that supervisors should be appointed on the basis of areas of work rather than race. Another problem is that teachers meet separately. He thought that it makes little difference what is in the textbooks; what is important is who teaches the textbooks.

Rabbi Mantinband recommended that the Council should explore what is being done in human relations in Northern institutions with the hope of setting up something similar in the South as soon as possible.

Mr. Wellons asked whether the time was not ripe for a frontal attack to cause legislatures to do away with segregation, and if not, whether we should set that as a goal for the future -- say in ten or twenty years.

Mr. Dent urged that the Council clarify its own thinking on where we want to go. Changing textbooks could have been done twenty-five years ago. Now the Council should take the lead in social planning in the South, thinking about what the South is going to be fifty years from now. Our planning should be centered on what we want to see the South like. Even if we agree on aims, there will be disagreement on how fast change should come.

At this point, it was voted that the meeting should pursue the present topic as far as it could, rather than adhere to the agenda.

Mr. Richardson recalled that the meeting yesterday agreed that there were

two things to be considered. There is certainly a good deal of bad teaching going on, and one area for work is concerned with teachers and children. The other area is with the people who prevent good things from being taught.

Mr. Wright proposed approaching some agency which might assist in preparing textbooks. Mr. Richardson thought that it had been yesterday's consensus that the major part of any money received for the purposes under discussion would go to working with top-level people and developing a constructive attitude among them.

Mr. Wilke spoke to Mr. Dent's previous point about the effect of segregation on the attitudes of teachers and children. It had been his experience that white children who had attended school all their lives in non-segregated school systems became convinced that "something was wrong" with Southern Negro children because they do not attend school with white children.

Mrs. ~~Strong~~ Straud agreed with previous speakers that the Council should state openly that the elimination of segregation is our ultimate aim.

Mr. Fleming commented that the staff has thought a good deal about the problems which had been raised by this group, and that the Executive Committee has asked for exploration and clarification of them. He thought that two things should be taken into consideration. The first is that the "shotgun approach" is the result of lack of resources; a scientific approach such as was envisaged by the group would take a good deal of money. The second problem is whether it helps to draw a blueprint for fifty years from now when further resources have been found. The Council is dependent on a small number of people scattered throughout the South in widely varying places; any blue print that might be drawn for fifty years from now might be suitable for one place and all wrong for another.

The point was made that Southern young people are ready to push ahead, and that if the Council fails to speak out against segregation it will lose their support. Recent editorials in college newspapers supporting the admission of Negro students and speaking against segregation were cited.

Mr. Dent thought it was not sufficient for New South to report progress in

the South, but that it should take the lead. He felt that we are much behind the younger generation, and that if we cannot state a philosophy and say what we think, we should close.

Mr. Dabbs wondered whether, if young people know where we are going, it is necessary for us to state our goals specifically.

Rabbi Mantinband proposed that the Committee urge the Council to sharpen its pronouncements, and thought that such a pronouncement could be diplomatic enough not to give offense. He believed that the Council does many good things without talking about them, and that if we talk a great deal about goals, talking may be the only thing accomplished. He thought the Council might consider revising and sharpening the statement of purpose as it appears on its publications.

Miss Read commented that the actual demonstration which the Council gives of people working together is worth a good deal more than resolutions. Multiplying the instances of cooperation would be more effective than statements which might get into the papers. The question is whether we will get where we want to be faster if we include people among us who are moderate.

At this point, the Committee adjourned for lunch.

(Detailed minutes were not kept for Committee B, but its proceedings are adequately reported in the summary which was made to the general meeting.)

After lunch, the meeting reconvened in the Auditorium for reports and general discussion. President Williams called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M.

Harold Fleming read the statement on representation on policy boards as amended and adopted by the Board meeting yesterday. With additional minor changes,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the statement be adopted by the membership as a whole. (See Minutes of Board Meeting.)

Mr. Williams called for reports on the morning sessions.

Mr. Trigg, for Committee A:

DR. TRIGG: Dr. Richardson summarized yesterday's discussion, emphasizing the inadequacy of much of the teaching material now in use, the problem of getting into the schools, and the need for the cooperation of teachers, principals, and superintendents.

The question of improving textbooks brought some objection from members of the group who thought that problem was settled twenty-five years ago; it was not pointed out that textbooks are newly adopted every five years. It was brought out that we have a problem of segregation not only of people, but of ideas — we have Brotherhood Week, Negro History Week, etc., set apart from the rest of the curriculum. Intercultural education needs, it was thought, to be a continuing process and to permeate all areas of study. It was also thought that we must go into libraries, into Y's, and other agencies, placing materials, and having discussions; and that our efforts to change materials in use should not be limited to Negro history, but should cover other subjects as well.

Dr. Washington indicated an approach from the self-interest point of view: getting rid of inadequacy of personality. So many people offer problems because they are inadequate; they must find someone they are better than. Mr. Washington thought we could motivate the people in positions of leadership by showing them that people make better workers when they are adequate. We should bring in psychologists, social engineers, and psychiatrists to help on the problem.

Dr. Dent thought the Council needed to redefine its objectives. What we want to do is determine who is to teach children, and not merely what is taught. This brought up the annual issue of segregation. Dr. Dent thought there should not be assistant superintendents in charge of Negro schools, and that supervisory officers should be responsible for areas of study ~~of~~ or activity rather than for schools along racial lines.

Rabbi Mantinband thought the Council should explore the work done by other organizations in intercultural education.

Dr. Read was of the opinion that the Council serves its most important

function by demonstrating, without saying too much about it, people working together on problems regardless of race.

Dr. Dent thought it was not sufficient for New South to report progress, but that it should take the lead in determining policy and trends or get out of the field.

No conclusions were reached by the group.

Mr. Moron, for Committee B:

DR. MORON: We were asked to discuss three questions yesterday morning: approaches to racial understanding through what teachers teach; preparedness for stress -- the work and status of local interracial committees; and the rest of the Council's program: organization, budget, self-surveys, publications. In the afternoon we reassembled to discuss the questions as a Board.

On teaching, the group discussed the need for materials to be put in the hands of teachers which would give them information needed on Negro history, origins, contributions, present economic and social status, outstanding accomplishments of Negroes -- material which would offset materials found in textbooks at present. It was the feeling of the group that we need to develop better materials to supplement what is being used now. This raises a number of problems:

1. The need for financial support to develop people competent in the field of educational techniques, to develop material in intercultural education, and to put material in a form that teachers can use. This would require a competent staff and would call for a grant of considerable size. The suggestion was made that this Council go on record endorsing that kind of project and suggest to the staff that it seek financial aid for such a project -- one of rather impressive size aimed at preparing materials, but also taking the necessary step of getting the materials to the attention of state boards of education, state textbook commissions, and teachers themselves. Members of state boards of

education should be called to meet as a group, then state and local superintendents, followed by meetings of teachers and, finally, a continuing job should be done with teachers. If we could announce to the state boards of education, for example, that the Southern Regional Council in cooperation with X Foundation, is sponsoring a meeting of school board officials from the entire South, it was felt that the prestige would be so great that attendance would be very good.

2. The problem of the development of resources we now have: teacher training institutes, summer schools, etc. We must give to teachers the information they need, but, most important, impart an appreciation of the need of passing good relationships on to children. The meeting was also aware of the need to do the job for Negro children, as well as white, in preparation for the time when relations will be much closer than they are now.

In the second study group yesterday there was discussion of the need for re-examining techniques we have mastered and can use in times of stress. The question of local interracial committees was discussed. There was some exploration of the number and degree of activity of the local groups we now have. In this morning's session the consensus was that the number of interracial groups is decreasing rather than increasing. Throughout the discussion it was stressed that, as we move to actual steps for getting specific things done (such as equalization of school facilities, elimination of segregation in transportation) there seems to be a tendency for the movement to become less interracial. Negroes, it was felt, are more and more going into these movements by themselves. It was brought out that, as a Council, we ought to exert every effort to keep these movements interracial. There was a feeling that we need urgently to re-examine what we are doing in our communities and see to what extent we are increasing interracial activities or splitting apart. There was considerable feeling that Negroes are becoming more concerned with getting things done now than with building solid interracial fellowship. There were some bright spots in some communities: Houston

is bringing together people of different races and religions, making use of the alliance of Negro and white ministers and of the association of rabbis.

We discussed the need for developing technique of community organization, for getting Negroes on policy-maing boards, and encouraging Negroes with prestige to risk running for office. We talked about the problem of how to get people on a high social, cultural, and economic level -- people who know about the theory of government -- on familiar terms with the people who are active in politics and run the governments. We should not think of integration as being limited to racial or religious ~~characterizations of~~ groups, but including economic and social groupings as well. Someone suggested finding out what kind of pressures politicians will recognize: one of them, of course, is the large body of voting people in the community. The first need is to bring out the vote in each election; the rest is the problem of organizing people to vote, providing leadership so that things like the large ballot, obscure language on the ballot, etc., such as occurred yesterday in the Georgia election, can be explained to them.

Finally, we discussed the need for using existing organizations within the community. Bring the churches into the picture, point out the Christian approach to the problem of race relations. The need in these times is for broadening our scope, to use our organizations to cover not only interracial relationships, but intercultural relationships as well.

The last question for discussion -- organization, and plans for the future work of the Council -- we did not have an opportunity to go into.

The general discussion which followed turned for a while on the point made in Committee B that the split between Negroes and whites on the local level is becoming wider, that Negroes are more and more trying to get things done by themselves, and that the local movement is becoming less interracial in character. It was thought by some that there has been a widening of the gap on the local level, but a closer identification on the national level, and that national

policy has moved ahead of local policy.

Mr. Wright was of the opinion that the weakening of the local interracial groups might be partially explained by the fact that the goals which the groups had set themselves were actually being attained. For example, they came into being when it was almost beyond season to think that Negroes would vote, or would enter State universities, so that whites and Negroes organized to attain those rights. In less than twenty-five years, those rights either exist or are just around the corner. Perhaps the slackening at the moment is due to the fact that action is being taken by the courts and has passed out of our hands.

Mr. Saporta gave an encouraging instance from his contacts with the students at Georgia Tech. He concluded that Southern young people are much further ahead than we think and are ready to accept the breakdown of artificial barriers. Mrs. Tilly gave an encouraging account of work done by local interracial committees in Georgia and said that many of the difficulties encountered were due not to any fundamental cleavage between white and Negro people, but to the artificial atmosphere created by the political campaigns. She said that if the two races are farther apart, at least more people are thinking about the subject than ever before and that one of the things we need may be leadership. Mr. Moron added that in his observation, in the last two years the barrier of segregation is being attacked by a solid Negro group rather than interracially. He observed that even after court victories there remains much work that would best be done by a corps of Negroes and whites who could work at getting bond issues and other follow-ups promoted. Mr. Shea said that the South has moved beyond the paternalistic phase. Negroes now are going to take part in government. The paternalist gets cold feet. We are losing those who don't want to stand up and be counted with us, and for the loss of an old guard we can find a new one willing to go forward. Dr. Mays thought that if interracial activities were in a slack period, that might really be a sign of progress, in that, in lieu of minor concessions of the past, the present trend

is for getting rid of segregation entirely. Mrs. Hamilton thought that the Council needed to look at the basis on which it is asking the people of the South for support and be firmer and more forthright than hitherto we have felt it wise to be.

The Executive Director said that the topic of local interracial committees had been put before the meeting in order to explore their use as a way of meeting the stresses certain to come in every Southern community in a new period of defense preparation. The strains that are so clearly ahead will require from the South the utmost it can muster of local and Southwide interracial understanding.

Mr. Dent, in referring to the morning session, said it seemed to him that the greatest single factor contributing to the lack of understanding in the South is segregation in the schools and that the Council cannot be effective until it says whether it wants ultimately to see segregation eliminated. This affects our whole philosophy of education. If we think of every situation in terms of that long-range objective, we will command more respect than we do now. He did not think public statements were necessary, but he thought we needed to commit ourselves to this long-range goal among ourselves. It was his view that human understanding between people in the South would come only as that goal is reached.

Father Eagan emphasized the important role of feligious leadership in bringing about the changes desired. Mr. Neal said that at each critical period in the South, when we could have voted on the right side, we have dodged the issue. He wanted to see a motion against segregation made by a native Southern white man and seconded by another.

Mr. Washington said that the only action which had been discussed was action such as was taken years ago. He proposed that an outside group, made up of cultural anthropologists, social psychologists, and others, who could consider objectively the matters discussed today, be brought in to study the situation, reporting on what had been successful in the rest of the country, and making proposals that would end in amelioration. He believed that foundation support could be had for an inquiry of that kind. After discussion, Mr. Washington made a motion that an outside body, made up of experts in human relations selected from all over the country, be organized, and that the Executive Committee be asked to select such a committee of experts provisionally and approach a foundation for funds to

enable them to study our goals.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Jones, citing the experience of the Detroit race riots, said that the problem was not one of understanding by experts, but of getting that understanding down to the people who need it.

Mr. Dent thought that the need was for experts to implement our objectives and not to determine the Council's goals.

Mr. Newbold proposed that, if there is a serious cleavage among the group present, no hasty action be taken with regard to changing the purpose and objectives, of the organization, and that the Council continue along somewhat the same lines for the coming year. Mr. Williams, in response, said that he thought nothing drastic was proposed, and that the special committee could explore matters fully.

Mr. Washington having accepted the substance of an amending motion offered by Mr. Griffin,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Board be empowered to appoint a committee to look into important matters of policy, having in mind the possibility of calling in expert guidance to finance a large program in human relations.

Rabbi Mantinband asked whether more could not be done to reduce delinquency in dues payments by members.

Mr. Fogleman reported for the newly organized Louisiana Division and Mr. Wilke for the Arkansas Divisions

Mr. Rainey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a strong appeal for support of the 50 for '51 campaign. He said that if the membership wanted the organization to do anything, they must go out in each state and find fifty people who will give or raise $100.00 apiece. Otherwise, what has gone on at this meeting is just wasted breath.

At this point, the Executive Director presented a proposed budget. (See Minutes of Board of Directors meeting.) He said that unless $15,000.00 is found within a matter of months, the Council cannot continue to operate, and that that amount will have to be found by the people in the States through the 50 for '51

campaign. He did not recommend the adoption of the budget, but suggested that this meeting recommend the continuance of the Council for an indefinite period, within the discretion of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright, duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the organization go on record as authorizing the Executive Committee to exercise its judgment as to further continuance beyond such period as it shall define; and that, if sufficient funds are not forthcoming to warrant continuance, the Executive Committee shall have authority to act.

Mr. Wright, as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported a harmonious session with himself, and the absence of any resolutions. On behalf of the Committee, he asked a rising vote of thanks to the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A., and its staff for their courtesy and hospitality, which was done.

In the final discussion of the question of elections to replace members of the Board of Directors whose terms were expiring,

5. IT WAS VOTED that, in view of the fact that the Executive Committee and the Board are studying a new structure for the Board of Directors, the full list of vacancies in the Board membership should not be filled, and that the Board of Directors be invested with the power to name new members to fill the three vacancies occurring because of death or resignation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

EXCERPTS FROM FULL NOTES

ON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1950

Mr. Wright was of the opinion that the weakening of the local interracial groups might be partially explained by the fact that the goals which the groups had set themselves were actually being realized. For example, they came into being when it was almost beyond reason to think that Negroes would vote, or would enter State universities, so that whites and Negroes organized to obtain those rights. In less than 25 years, those righte either exist or are just around the corner. Perhaps the slackening at the moment is due to the fact that action is being taken by the courts and has passed out of our hands.

Mr. Saporta: We should not sit back and be complacent about what has been achieved. Rapprochement on a local level is just as important as on the national level. We have had an interesting experience at Georgia Tech. The Tech boys are a good cross-section of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and they have all the expected prejudices. We don't think a direct approach on the matter of segregation will do much good; but here is the sort of thing that is happening. This year one of their problems had to do with slum clearance. We encouraged them to talk to representatives of the Negro group during their investigation of facilities. Through that contact they have come to admire representatives of the Negro race; they saw that there is not so much difference as they had thought; they found that the Negro people they talked to were far more help than the whites. And when time came to pick a jury to judge their work, they themselves proposed that Negroes be included. Southern young people are much further

ahead than we think. They are ready to accept the breaking down of artificial barriers.

Mrs. Tilly spoke of her experiences with local groups in the past few months. The committees that have been organized recently feel that they have a real place of service because of the school situation. But it is hard to get new groups organized because of the political campaigns. She herself did not feel as pessimistic as some here seem to. The average white person may be farther away from Negroes, but, in Georgia at least, it is due to the type of political campaign that has been waged rather than to the Supreme Court decisions. We find a white person to go to bat for good things in every community. And if we are father apart, at least more people are thinking about the subject than ever before. One of the things we need may be leadership.

Mrs. Tilly mentioned also that in Thomasville, Georgia, the County Superintendent of Schools is on the local interracial committee.

Dr. Moron said that in his observation, during the last two years the barrier of segregation is being attacked by a solid Negro group and not by an interracial group. Even after the court issues an order, there remains the problem of implementing the order. The court can say there must be a new school, but we don't have anything like a corps of Negroes and whites who can work at getting a bod issue promoted. Mr. Wright's remarks, he said, caused him concern, because one of the greatest needs for interracial cooperation is in matters affected by court decisions.

Mrs. Tilly thought that the Atlanta school suit had done Georgia some good. There is a feeling that something has to be

done to improve schools so that segregation won't be broken down. A recent meeting of school superintendents in Athens had a session on Negro schools, and almost every superintendent wanted to go into that session. The suits are really bringing some groups together who feel they have to work things out together.

Mr. Shea thought that indications were that we have moved beyond the paternalistic phase; in church organization, for instance, we are beyond the stage where race relations means having suppers together. Now Negroes are going to take part in governments. The paternalist gets cold feet. We are losing those who don't want to stand up and be counted with us. The old guard is falling from our ranks, and we find the new guard willing to go forward. We can now go to those who have felt the effect of education and are willing to go along with us. Our key to the future is to emphasize our activities everywhere we can.

Dr. Mays wondered whether, if we are in a slack period, it is not a temporary inevitability. Years ago when the fight was to get high schools where there were no high schools, it was very easy to get outstanding ministers and professors to say, Yes, Negroes ought to have high schools, and to sign petitions. But when we move up on the level where we ask, not for high schools, but for high schools just as good as anybody else's, when we say that if the schools aren't just as good, then we want to get into your schools -- then segregation is being threatened. Dr. Mays believed that it is a sign of progress that there is a temporary period of falling off.

Mrs. Hamilton pointed out that an important question is the role of the Council. Perhaps the Council needs to look at

the basis on which it is asking the people of the South for support, and perhaps we must be firmer and more forthright than we have felt it was wise to be.

Pointing out that the topic of the role of local interracial committees was chosen by the planning committee for discussion with certain considerations in mind, Dr. Moron asked the Executive Director to comment at this point.

Dr. Mitchell made the point that the strain and change coming out of the war situation make it important to organize every possible resource that crosses the barriers of race. It is of the greatest importance that we organize in every community across the South. More local communities should use the Home Town Self-Survey; he memtioned briefly what had been accomplished in Greenville. Though the survey there was too limited in scope, great results have been achieved. The important thing is not to found a whole new series of interracial committees; the important thing is to find the people who can work together.

Dr. Dent mentioned his own comment in the morning session. It had seemed to him that the greatest single factor contributing to the lack of understanding in the South is the separation in schools. He thought that the Council could not be effedtive until it said whether it wanted ultimately to see segregation eliminated. This affects our whole philosophy of education. He thought that we have reached the point where, if we are going to take the leadership in social planning in the South, we have to face this problem and say that our ultimate goal is the elimination of segregation in education because we think that is the largest single barrier to understanding. If we think of every

situation in terms of that long-range objective we will command more respect than we now do. Dr. Dent did not think public statements were necessary, but he thought we need to commit ourselves to this long-range goal among ourselves. It was his opinion that the South is at present moving toward the elimination of segregation in education, and that human understanding between people in the South would come only as that goal is reached.

Father Egan thought that an important factor was the lack of religious leadership. The issue is a moral one, involving matters of rights and duties. With proper religious leadership, change would come faster than it is coming now, and he thought the Council should place more emphasis on such leadership.

Dr. Mays spoke in support of Mr. Dent. He thought that support would be lacking in the South whether the Council declared itself against segregation or for equality under segregation. It was his belief that if the Council takes a stand it will get more support than ever before, provided that its statement is prudent.

Mr. Neal: At each critical period in the South, when we could have voted on the right side, we have dodged the issue. I would like to see a motion against segregation made by a native Southern white man and seconded by another.

Dr. Washington made the point that the only action that had been discussed was action such as was taken years ago. He proposed that an outside group, made up of cultural anthropologists, social psychologists, etc., who can consider objectively all the ideas that have been talked about, be brought in to study the situation, the goals proposed today, and examine what has been successful in the rest of the country. The study should be one that would end in amelioration. It was his opinion that if such

a proposal were offered to a foundation, we would get the money to carry it out.

Asked to make his suggestion as a formal motion, Dr. Washington stated it as follows: That an outside body made up of experts in areas of improving human relations, selected from all over the country, be organized, and that the Executive Committee be asked to select such a group of experts provisionally and approach a foundation for funds to engage them to study our goals.

Mr. Jones cited the experience of the Detroit race riots and said that the problem is not one of understanding by experts, but of getting that understanding down to the people who need it.

Mr. Griffin offered an amendment to Mr. Washington's proposal, as follows: That this meeting propose a committee from among its own members to study the proposal more carefully than can be done at this meeting and to call on the experts.

Mr. Washington expressed himself as in agreement with the amendment.

Dr. Dent thought that the need was for experts to implement our objectives, not to determine the Council's goals.

Mr. Newbold proposed that, if there is a serious cleavage among the group present, no hasty action be taken with regard to changing the purpose and objectives of the organization, and that the organization continue along somewhat the same lines for the coming year. Mr. Williams, in response, said that he thought nothing drastic was proposed, and that the special committee could explore matters fully.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, duly seconded, it was voted that the Board be empowered to appoint a committee to look into important matters of policy, having in mind the possibility of calling in expert guidance to finance a large program in human relations.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

December 4, 1947

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

Dear SRC Member:

Those of you who attended the annual meeting know that the Council is faced with a deficit of approximately $5,000 for the close of the year. This was nobly faced at the meeting when Dr. Will Alexander called upon the assembled membership to clear the deficit before the end of the year and promised that he, himself, would accept responsibility for raising $1,000 of it if other members would make pledges to obtain the rest.

In immediate response to Dr. Alexander's appeal the following pledges were made:

Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta	$200.00
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond	100.00
Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill	100.00
Msgr. T. James McNamara, Savannah	100.00
Rt. Rev. V. J. O'Connell, New Orleans	50.00
Mr. G. D. Rogers, For Fla. Division	500.00
Mr. J. M. Tydings, Kentucky Division	100.00
Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Atlanta	100.00
Mr. Paul D. Williams, Richmond	200.00
Dr. R. L. Russell, Georgia Committee	200.00
Other Anticipated Income	250.00
	$1,900.00

In the critical days that lie ahead the need for the Council is felt to be greater than ever. Mr. Rogers, in making his pledge, stated his belief that the Council means more to the South than any other organization with which he had ever worked.

The Council belongs to you, its members. Will you not, each of you, undertake to secure such donations as lie within your power to meet this need? Money so given is deductible from personal income tax. No gift, however, is too small, whether of dimes or of dollars, and the aggregate will, I feel sure, enable us to begin 1948 with a clear slate and to face the work that lies ahead of us with confidence and effectiveness. May we not hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

Agnes McKoy

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

SRL Board - Corr.

January 29, 1948

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

We are most appreciative for the additional ten ($10.00) dollars which you sent us recently through Dr. Hancock. Not only is it of material help, but it is good for our morale here and we thank you for it.

With kindest good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SBL Board - Corr.

January 29, 1948

Right Reverend Msgr. T. James McNamara
Cathedral of St. John The Baptist
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

I have had a very kind letter from Mrs. George Karnopf, telling me about your kindnesses to her.

The nicest thing about our Council is the way friendship works within it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 29, 1948

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

I regret very much that illness has prevented an earlier reply to your letter of January 12.

We are sending you udder separate cover today, a copy of our office manual on which revision has finally been completed. We are glad to do this and hope you will find it useful.

I am sorry for the confusion as to the personnel of the standing Nominating Committee. Minutes of the meeting indicate that Mrs. Alice Spearman was the third member of the Committee, although, I too, personally recall that Mrs. Hamilton's name was proposed at some time during the course of nominations. It so happens that Mrs. Hamilton was in the office yesterday and I checked this matter with her to see whether she, too, was of the opinion that she was a member of this committee and she told me that she was not. Certainly, it would have been much more convenient to have a third Atlanta member rather than one from out of the State.

I am most sorry also, as we all are, for the situation that has arisen that makes the raising of your pledge so difficult. We do understand and shall leave the entire matter with you.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
247 HENRY STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

January 12, 1948

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Mrs. McKoy:

Sometime ago you wrote me regarding three matters, i. e.:

Chairman of the Standing Nominating Committee
My request for a copy of your office manual
My promise to attempt to raise $100.00 for the Southern Regional Council

Standing Nominating Committee
You mentioned that the other members are:

Mr. John Griffin, 1426 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. Alice Spearman, "Algene Acres," Newberry, South Carolina

I am probably wrong, and it doesn't make any difference but I thought that Mrs. Grace Hamilton, of the Atlanta Urban League, was the third member of the Committee. Mr. Griffin seems to be of the same opinion, for he raised the question with me sometime ago when I had called him up about an entirely different matter.

Office Manual
I shall be glad to receive this at any time that will not inconvenience you.

My Pledge to Raise $100.00
This bothers me very much. I had expected to raise this money from a group of the outstanding and more prosperous Negro business men of Atlanta, including the heads of the large insurance companies. The unfortunate (and as I understand, incorrect) publicity regarding the Southern Regional Council which appeared in the daily papers a little over a month ago practically nullified my ability to raise any such sum in a shorttime. It was these same Negro business men who were most incensed about the article, from whom I had hoped to raise the money.

I am going to continue to try to raise this money, but it will not be forthcoming in such a short time.

Very sincerely yours,
Forrester B. Washington
Forrester B. Washington
Director

SRC-Board-Corr.

March 11, 1948

Mr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
247 Henry Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

The surest foundation for a people's progress is knowledge and skill. You trained yourself in an intricate skill, rare in the South, and then multiplied that skill a thousand-fold for the Nation's good.

That has been a farsighted work, carried through with high courage, ingenuity and energy. Citizenship and statesmanship do not come in any finer guise than this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

March 11, 1948

Miss Madeline White, Chairman
Testimonial Committee
Atlanta University School of Social Work
247 Henry Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss White:

In all the rush of work in connection with our Southwide Meeting on Civil Rights, I regret I have only today gotten to your letter of February 14.

My sincere appreciation of Mr. Washington herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Enclosure

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
247 HENRY STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

February 14, 1948

Dr. George Mitchell,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

You have been selected as one of the friends, associates, or former co-workers of Forrester B. Washington, director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work for the past twenty years, to be included among the writers of a testimonial volume of letters to be presented to him.

The alumni and staff of the School plan to sponsor and arrange a testimonial dinner for Mr. Washington sometime during the 1948 meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, which convenes at Atlantic City, New Jersey, from April 18 to 24th. This will be an effort to demonstrate appreciation for that major portion of his life which he has dedicated to the training of young men and women for professional social work and the development of the Atlanta University School of Social Work which has made most of its progress during his period of service.

Believing as we do that you and many others would like to participate in the program, we are writing to give you an opportunity to be represented on this occasion.

Will you be kind enough to send a letter of appreciation addressed to Mr. Washington, on your letterhead, size about 8½ x 11, leaving a margin of at least two inches on the lefthand side, and mail to me not later than March 1. A bound volume of these testimonials will be presented to Mr. Washington on the occasion of the dinner, thus certifying to him that numerous persons throughout the nation have not only been aware of his tireless efforts and subsequent accomplishments, but that they also have generously given of their time and energy to cooperate in this project to demonstrate their recognition of his contributions to the areas of community and social welfare.

The Sponsoring Committee hopes that you will cooperate with us in this project, and that you agree with us that Mr. Washington is deserving of the tribute and honor we plan to bestow upon him. Will you kindly send your letter immediately?

Very cordially yours,

Madeline V. White

Madeline V. White, Chairman
Testimonial Committee
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Saline Shaw
Nelson C. Jackson
Hubert Jackson

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MECHANICS AND FARMERS BANK

Durham, North Carolina

March 17, 1948

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 9 advising that the Executive Committee of the Council wishes me to serve on the Finance Committee.

I shall be happy to serve as a member of this Committee and shall be able to attend the meeting on any date during the latter part of April or the first of May with the exception of Thursday, April 15, and Thursday, May 13.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. H. Wheeler
/t/ J. H. Wheeler

JHW/vr

SRC - Board - Corr

March 24, 1948

Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
1444 East Main Street, Room 215
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Fellowships are for two years, then renewable. Usually renewed. So your present Virginia Fellows may be expected to continue as Fellows for years to come. The same would be true for the Fellows you plan to nominate.

Do please send us as many reprints of your Virginia program as you can. We could use well fifty, one hundred or more.

The Christian Century for March 17, 1948 carries on page 295 a good note on your program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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1444 East Main Street, Room 215
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

HENRY LEE ROBISON, JR.
Executive Secretary

MINOR C. MILLER
Associate Executive Secretary

March 22, 1948.

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MAR 24 1948
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George C. Mitchell
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

Thank you for your letters of the 18th and 19th. If you will permit I shall answer both of them in this one.

I shall be very glad to assist the SRC by serving as a member of the Fellows Committee from Virginia. I have just been talking with Paul Williams and we shall try and get together after he returns from his trip to the West coast. I expect to be in Hampton within the next ten days and will make an effort to meet Mr. W. Barton Beatty, Jr. and Mr. Roscoe E. Lewis. I know Dr. H. W. Roberts of Virginia State College. May I ask if these are eligible for appointment as fellows for another year? If so, should we give preference to these or to some new people who have not served?

I shall be glad to make reports of meetings that come under my observation. The National Conference of Church Leaders will be a rather comprehensive meeting in Hampton, March 31 and April 1. There will be a workshop on Civil Rights of which I have been asked to serve as chairman. There was a local meeting in Richmond recently under the auspices of the Catholic Committee, Brother Paul said that he would report on this.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thos. C. Allen.

P. S. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of our Council News. You will note a statement of the program of interracial cooperation for Virginia which I left with you. We are have reprints made for distribution on a large scale, if you can use these I shall be glad to send you some. TCA.

April 6, 1948

Dear Paul:

Will these be suitable for your letters to members of the Resolutions Committee?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Mr. Paul D. Williams
5320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Enclosures: Letters, for Mr. Williams' signature, to Mr. M. A. Wright, Mrs. W. H. Borders and Dr. Forrester B. Washington.

Mrs. William Holmes Borders
24 Yonge Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Borders:

At the November, 1947, post-Membership Board Meeting of the Council, the decision was made to appoint a standing Resolutions Committee.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on February 25, 1948, selected Mr. M. A. Wright as Chairman, and you and Dr. Forrester B. Washington to be the three members of this Committee.

By having a standing Committee, it would be possible for us to get in proposals of resolutions well in advance of the next Annual Meeting. This would give an opportunity for the proposals to be circulated to the Committee. Of course, there will be resolutions prepared at the last minute and the Committee would be expected to deal with them, too.

Would it be possible for you to accept? I should be very grateful if you could accept service on this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta School of Social Work
Atlanta University
247 Henry Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

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Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

SRC Board Corr.

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

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Would it be possible for you to serve as Chairman of this Committee? I should be very grateful if you could accept this Chairmanship.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

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TO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Please be advised that a pre-membership meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 1948, in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, beginning promptly at 9:30 A.M., and closing at 10:00 A.M.

This meeting will be followed by the membership meeting at 10:30 A.M., with registration from 10:00 to 10:30. The membership meeting will be held in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut St., S. W.

The post-membership meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held on Thursday, November 11, at 10:00 A.M., in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

October 8, 1948

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

October 8, 1948

TO MEMBERS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Please be advised that the regular annual meeting of the membership of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 1948, in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building of Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, beginning promptly at 10:30 A.M. Registration will take place from 10:00 to 10:30 AM.

This meeting will be an important one, and you are urged to attend. You will especially want to be present when plans for constructive action by members at local levels are discussed, and when many other broad plans are projected for the coming year. As you know, the membership is the supreme governing body of the Council, and your thinking and ideas are needed.

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

NOTE: Members wishing hotel accommodations in Atlanta should make their reservations as soon as possible. You are, of course aware, that the Council does not defray expenses other than for members of the Board of Directors.

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October 8, 1948

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are official notices of the annual membership meeting, and of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. These will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
9:30 A. M. - 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, November 10th, 1948, - a brief pre-membership meeting to be held in the Conference Room, Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut St., S. W.

Membership
10:30 A. M., Wednesday, November 10th (Registration from 10:00 to 10:30) in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Board of Directors
10:00 A. M., Thursday, November 11th, 1948. Conference Room, Administration Building, of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

From the above you will note that the full meeting of the Board of Directors, formerly held on the afternoon preceding the membership meeting, has been shifted to the morning after; while the brief, post-membership meeting, usually held immediately following, has been made to precede the membership meeting.

The plan is that the brief, pre-membership meeting of the Board will hear the report of the Executive Committee, take such action as it sees fit, and then go in to the Membership Meeting. The morning after can then be given to the calm, wise, unhurried deliberative action, so characteristic of full meetings of the Board, with newly elected members taking part in planning for the coming year. We hope you will make every effort to be present for all three meetings as matters of great importance will be discussed and your thinking is needed.

Please fill in the attached blank and return it to us in the enclosed envelope as soon as you can, so that we may know whether to expect you. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board Members during the meetings will be defrayed by the Council, with an expense blank furnished you at the time of the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Agnes McKoy

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

(PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN THIS BLANK AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT)

Date_____

Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:30 A.M. Wednesday November 10th..... _____

I shall be unable to attend this Board meeting..... _____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 10th (with registration beginning at 10:00 A.M.)..... _____

I shall be unable to attend the membership meeting..... _____

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 10:00 A.M. Thursday November 11th..... _____

I shall be unable to attend this meeting of the Board..... _____

Please make a hotel reservation for me..... _____

I shall make my own reservation, or stay with friends..... _____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ on _____
hour date

SIGNED_____

SPC - Bd. of Directors - Correspondence

October 13, 1948

Rev. Mr. H. Brent Schaeffer
1525 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

The Council does indeed defray expenses of Board members who come for the Board and Annual Meetings, and we are hoping very much that we may look forward to seeing you on November 10.

Our notices to Board and Membership were mailed on the 8th. In case you did not receive yours however, I am enclosing another.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Southern Regional Council

1525 Robinson St.
Jackson 11, Miss.
Oct. 12, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Is it my understanding that the Regional treasury pays part or all of the expenses of members of the Board of Directors in attending the annual meeting? Please refer this to Mrs. Tilly so that she will be in position to advise us when she attends our meeting Friday of this week.

Yours sincerely,

H. Brent Schaeffer

H. Brent Schaeffer

SRC - Bd. of Dirs. - Corresp.

MAIRI FRASER FOREMAN
1620 TWENTY-SECOND STREET WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Oct. 14, 1948

Dear Mrs. McKoy,

In reply to your two letters I am expecting to attend the Board meeting in November, and I am enclosing herewith my check for 1948 dues.

Sincerely,

Clark Foreman

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October 22, 1948

Mr. Ernest Delpit
3631 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Delpit:

As a very busy individual, I am sure that the matter of your dues to the Southern Regional Council has simply escaped your attention, and that probably the dues notices which we have sent you have not even reached you.

As a Board member, I am sure you know of the Board's rule that members of the Council who have not paid their dues for two successive years must be dropped from our rolls. We should be most sorry to lose you, yet, since we have received no dues from you since 1944, we shall have no other choice.

Won't you, therefore, let us have your check or money order for back dues, amounting to $6.00 at this time, and thus become current again?

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:t

Mr. Ernest Delpit
3631 Second Street
New Orleans, La.

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Board Member

SRC - Board of Dirs. — Corresp.

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October 29, 1948

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The meeting of the Board of Directors on November 12, 1947, laid upon the Executive Committee a duty to report to the members of the Board a month before the next Board meeting as to a program for 1949 and a budget for that program.

The meeting of the Executive Committee September 15, 1948, had before it a program for 1949 and a budget. It considered the program and expressed no disapproval. It considered the budget and deplored the state of our finances and then, with the finance committee, spent several hours trying to devise ways to get more money.

Your executive director failed to request of the executive committee formal approval or disapproval of the program. In loyalty to the resolution of the November 12, 1947, Board meeting, the executive director, therefore, lays before the Board a 1949 program pretty much as presented to the executive committee early in September for its September 15 meeting. This is as follows:

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Nineteen forty-nine promises to be a harvest year in plans for Southern betterment. Not only will the civil rights question constantly prompt such plans, but a number of organizations and individuals will be bringing out the results of several past years of work. The Committee of the South will be publishing, between November, 1948 and mid-1949 the results of its elaborate studies on industrial location, farm adjustments, the work of state planning and development agencies, population migration, rural industries, surplus war facilities, and a major work on economic policy for the South. It is also doing work in the fields of urban congestion, agricultural credit, marketing techniques, and vocational education.

The Southern Association of Science and Industry, in conjunction with the University of North Carolina Institute for Social Research has already produced in 1948 two excellent studies respectively on forestry and possibilities for further industrial expansion in the South. Their forthcoming schedule includes studies on developmental research, wildlife resources, soils, natural resources, climate, minerals, recreations, and human resources. These can be expected during 1949.

In the field of State government government, a lengthy report and recommendations on constitutional and legal changes should be available from Mr. Alexander Heard, through a study at the University of Alabama.

The several Universities cooperating in the Bureau of Public Administration studies have issued much material lately. The Resource-Use Education group have useful studies completed and under way, and some of the State Planning Boards are turning out good work. In the field of education, results should be had during 1949 from the Regional Council for Education.

From all these sources it would seem possible to produce in 1949 an inclusive but still simple and understandable plan for the progress of the South in the next several years. It looks as though a fruitful way to clarify the planning would be to divide the Southeast and the Southwest respectively into their appropriate sub-regions, bringing out for the sub-regions, and for the States which include portions of each sub-region, strong pointers toward what to do next. We could also link the indicated changes in industry and farming with suitable recommendations for changes in state and local government.

The Council is built on the idea that a small staff should be kept constantly at work mapping future steps in progress, and that a widely scattered membership, appropriately organized locally, would busy itself with following through and producing the changes needed.

What is proposed, therefore, is that the backbone of 1949's work would be the production of understandable, clear planning materials for the South and that we urge our state and local committees to follow through with educational and positive action to get the changes going.

We have two or three proposed pamphlets in the cook which, in ordinary course, would see print sometime early in 1949. These are, respectively, (1) an appraisal of the Social Security System as it affects the South, with recommendations for changes; (2) a review of legislation in the field of farm tenure, and recommendations for state action to protect and improve the status of tenants of agricultural land; and (3) possibly a manual straightening out the South on the

disputed idea of an FEPC. Two and maybe three of these could be fitted into a general plan. But I am inclined to think that the work already done on them should bear fruit in the issuance of separate pamphlets.

On the matter of a general plan, the Council has been promised the non-salaried help of Mr. Charles M. Smith of Arlington, Virginia. As some of the members of the Committee know, he has long collected material toward a plan for the South and, by reason of his ready access to published governmental material, could help us greatly in getting a general plan shaken down into manageable and seeable size. He is willing to serve in this capacity full-time without salary, though the Council has offered to cover his necessary travel expenses and purchase of books and pamphlets.*

The work program forecast, then, for 1949 would be, in summary, the production of popular planning material and the urging of local education on it and follow-up on it by our scattered Southern membership. In addition to that, we would continue to get out New South, in so far as possible making each monthly issue timely in its praise of achievement or description of shortcoming.

In addition, we will continue to try to strengthen State Divisions and to add active state organizations in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas, where we are at present thinly represented.

We are well equipped from 1948's work to continue to press an influential campaign in the South about civil rights. Our Digest of the Report of the President's Committee is still in print and is still selling. We also have our pamphlet on "The Condition of Our Rights." These two fit together and are an effective team in obtaining ready and sympathetic discussion by local groups of the need for better enforcement of existing rights and a broadening of the concept and law on human and civil rights in the South.

Other pamphlets which the Council expects to get in print before the end of 1948 will provide a basis for action in the fields of improved practices by Southern newspapers in handling race in the news (work under way by Mr. Calvin Kytle), and in the small community self-survey (work nearly completed by Miss Margaret Price). With

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* Mr. Smith has actually been at work under this arrangement full-time since September 1, 1948. His material looks promising.
G.S.M.

these, and our other offerings, we would continue to press the Council's broad educational movement. The community self-survey method should be particularly helpful in getting education and planning down to the grass roots.

On the sharply limited budget at present foreseeable for 1949, this is the most that the Council could do.

BUDGET -- 1949

As regards a budget, the following was presented to the Executive Committee:

For 1949 we can legitimately expect income of $34,900.00 made up of $25,000.00 on hand from the Rosenwald Fund, and other amounts of $9,900.00, of which $2,000.00 is from sale of literature and $3,850.00 is from membership dues and contributions. We can hope in 1949 to increase the income from sale of literature, and it is probable that by raising dues we could step up the receipts from membership dues by a thousand dollars or so.

The $3,850.00 of expected income for 1949 from membership dues and contributions would be exclusive of dues and contributions received for and transmitted to State Divisions. A total of $2,696.90 in dues and contributions was received last year for State Divisions and returned to them as follows: Florida, $908.50; Mississippi, $431.10; Alabama, (a new Division) $44.00; South Carolina, $1213.50, and Kentucky, $99.80. 1948 receipts for State Divisions are expected to run somewhat higher than those for 1947.

The only way which offers at present to meet expenses for the remainder of 1948 is to draw upon the $25,000.00 from the Julius Rosenwald Fund held in reserve for 1949.* If that be done, the sum available for 1949 would be diminished by the 12 or 13,000 so drawn in advance, and the 1949 budget would be short by that amount, plus $10,520.39, the difference now forecast between 1949 revenue and expenses. Unless the 1948 deficit is covered during 1948, we would face at the end of 1949 a total deficit of $23,520.39.

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* The Executive Committee left this sum intact and authorized the borrowing of up to $5,000 to cover the period from September 15 to the membership meeting November 10. Under this authority, the Council has borrowed $5,000.

The officers and staff have some plans for raising additional funds, both in 1948 and 1949 and subsequent years, but we can do no more than hope that our several appeals will be successful.

Quite outside the budget, the staff would wish funds for a number of other projects, chief among them the matter of building the facts and opinion which could launch in the South one or more police training academies. We have estimated the total cost of a worthwhile effort in this direction at $37,500, which would be spent over a twenty-four months period.

The budget forecase for 1949 would employ:

One Executive Director
One Secretary-Treasurer
One Director of Information
One full-time Field Representative
One half-time Field Representative
One Senior Stenographer
One combination Research Assistant and Membership Supervisor
One Junior Stenographer and Order Clerk
One Mailing and Shipping Clerk
One part-time Clerk

In addition, we would have the help of our three-man advisory committee, meeting weekly.

We cannot, on this budget, do the planning job that is the backbone of our 1949 program except on the continued assumption of Charles Smith's serving without salary, and we should safeguard that point by an offer of a proper salary for his work.

DEFICITS

It will be remembered that at the end of 1947 the Council had a deficit of $5,022.34. This would have been larger except for the pledges which were made at the 1947 Annual Meeting, totaling $1,350.00. Collections of pledges have amounted to $948.00. Thus we have during 1948 absorbed an absolute 1947 deficit of $5,424.

In 1948, if our forecasts for this year are accurate, we will have incurred a 1948 operating deficit of approximately $8,000.00. The combined deficits of 1947 and 1948 will total $13,000 if outstanding pledges of $402.00 are forthcoming, $13,402.00 if they are not.

INCOME, 1948 and 1949.

Total income to October 31, 1948 is $40,197.29. Anticipated income for rest of 1948 is $1,752.01. The difference between the total estimated expenses for 1948 is the forecast 1948 operating deficit of $8,000.00.

There is attached a review of relative expenses for 1947 and 1948 and estimates for 1949.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Enclosures

RELATIVE EXPENDITURES 1947 and 1948, and ESTIMATES FOR 1949

EXPENSE	1947	Budget 1948	1948 Thru Aug.31	1948 Yet Needed	1948 Total	1949 Estimate
Salaries	$38,306.33	$36,515.00	$21,357.01	$10,400.00	$31,757.01	$31,400.00
Travel	6,458.72	6,000.00	2,705.63	2,800.00	5,505.63	4,200.00
Telephone and Telegraph	836.04	700.00	596.92	250.00	836.92	840.00
Rent	1,630.00	1,560.00	820.67	520.00	1,340.67	1,560.00
Office Supplies and Expense	1,139.34	750.00	1,182.30	225.00	1,407.30	1,065.29
Special Research	546.30		375.31	200.00	575.31	500.00
Local Advisory Committee			30.00	450.00	480.00	1,560.00
Conference on Human Rights '47						
Conference on Human and Civil Rights '48	327.32		889.12		889.12	
Postage and Express	1,502.50	1,800.00	1,053.04	480.00	1,533.04	1,600.00
Printing of Literature	6,436.64	6,000.00	2,916.96	2,100.00	5,016.96	6,000.00
Books and Subscriptions	276.54	225.00	320.17	100.00	420.17	400.00
Exchange and Bank Charges	9.42		7.83	3.00	10.83	10.00
Clipping Service	148.96	75.00	65.63	50.00	115.63	120.00
Miscellaneous Expense	389.62		28.25	25.00	53.25	50.00
Interest on Bank Loans	66.50		39.17		39.17	
Office Equipment and Repairs	653.30					
Insurance			48.40		48.40	
Audit			150.00		150.00	125.00
TOTAL	$57,291.37	$53,625.00	$32,586.41	$17,603.00	$50,179.41	$49,430.29

SRC - Board of Dirs. — Correspondence

November 2, 1948

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

I enjoyed the conversation with you this morning, and I am delighted that you will be willing to come on the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

The annual membership meeting is November 10, in the exhibition room of the library of the Atlanta University. Here is the schedule for that day. The Board then meets for the morning of November 11 in the Board Room of the Administration Building of Atlanta University, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

On the assumption that the membership meeting of November 10 will elect you to the Board, it would be very fine to have you at that meeting of the Board on the 11th. If you can spare part of the 10th to be with the membership meeting that day also, that would be greatly appreciated. But in any case, I do hope you will come to the Board meeting on the 11th.

Here is the memorandum from my friend Mr. Ocie Lee Smith. See also his memorandum of transmittal--last sheet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
Enclosures

SRC - Bd. of Dirs. - Corresp.

Fayetteville State Teachers College

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

ESTABLISHED 1877

Nov. 3, '48

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Enclosed please find check in amount of five dollars constituting membership fees for myself and wife plus a modest donation.

I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors this year due to the fact that during the period of the Southern Regional Council meetings I must present the cause of my institution's budget to the State Advisory Budget Commission.

Sincerely yours,

J.W. Seabrook

Encl.

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November 4, 1948

Dr. Mildred Mell
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mell:

In accord with the appointment made at the last meeting of the Southern Regional Council, November 12, 1947, and confirmed in a letter from Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, dated December 8, 1947, appointing the Standing Committee on Nominations for members of the Board of Directors, I am writing at this time to solicit your help and suggestions in the final preparation of a report which we can have available for presentation at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, November 10.

You will find enclosed a tentative report making recommendations which are being presented to you for your thinking with the specific request that you delete any names listed here and feel free to make any recommendations or changes and return a copy of the same to me immediately in order that I might make an attempt to compile the recommendations of all the members of our committee for your final approval prior to the formal meeting of our organization in Atlanta. Please feel free to write on the margin of the extra statement which is being sent and which you can return to me direct with your comments. You will find enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

I shall ask Dr. Mitchell to make arrangements for a brief meeting of our group at an appropriate time on November 10, during the Annual Meeting and you may expect a further invitation from him and/or me concerning this upon your arrival in Atlanta.

Thanking you for any criticisms or comments that you may give in connection with these matters, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WHG:acbb

Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

cc: Dr. George C Mitchell
Mrs. Agnes McKoy

November 4, 1948

Mr. J E Blanton
R. F. D. 1, Box 99
Cardona
Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

cc: Dr. George C Mitchell
Mrs. Agnes McKly

R.F.D. 1 Box 99
Cordova.
Orangeburg Co. S.C.
12-17-1947.

Mrs Agnes McKay
Secretary Treasurer -
S.R. Council
Atlanta. Ga.

Dear Mrs McKay:

According to your letter 12-8-1947 - thank you for letting me know. I will be glad to do what I can as a member of "the Com. on nominations", and will await further notice from President Gray whom I know very well before our original meeting in Durham.

Please change my address, it is Cordova. instead of Cardova I think there is a Cordova in the

northern part of S.C. about 100 miles away from me.

Thank you very much for the letter, and may you have

A Merry Xmas.

Sincerely

J. Beanlan

December 8, 1947

Mr. J. E. Blanton
R.F.D. #1, Box 93
Cardona
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Blanton:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you of your election, at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 12th, to the Standing Nominating Committee of 1948 for the nomination of members of the Board of Directors at the next annual meeting.

Dr. William H. Gray, President of the Florida A. & M. College at Tallahassee is the Chairman of the Committee. Other members are as follows:

Mrs. Josephine Heyman, 3860 Vermont Rd. N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Hortense Young, c/o Louisville Defender, 418 South 5th St., Louisville, Kentucky
Dr. Witherspoon Dodge, Hampton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

We are very happy to welcome you as a member of this important committee and trust most sincerely that it will be possible for you to serve. For your information we are attaching a list of the Board of Directors, including those whose terms expire with the next meeting. Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of service.

With every good wish for the coming year, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

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Board Nominations & Elections 1946 - 1948

November 10, 1948

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, GREETINGS:

We, your COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, wish to submit the following report:

We feel the entire membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council deserves commendation and appreciation for the unselfish service they are rendering. We further feel that the class of 1948 has been an important cog in the wheel of progress of the Council and that each person has made a contribution. The failure of some of the members of this class to attend the meetings of the Council is by no means an evidence of their non-interest, but due, we are sure, to the exigencies of their respective positions and other just and satisfactory causes, but each in his or her own, and often quiet, way has been a bearer of goodwill for the Council. Because of the very active interest of some of the members of this class, it is the feeling that their services should be utilized to the maximum extend. The following persons are therefore nominated for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Council, beginning in 1948, for a term to expire in 1952:

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Mr. Virginius Dabney
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. N. C. Newbold
Dr. Howard W. Odom
Dr. B. E. Mays
Dr. Edgar Stern — elected - but declined
Mr. O. D. Duncan
Miss Florence Sytz

The following persons are retiring from the Board:

Mr. Charles Clingham
Dr. H. D. Goode
Mr. A. Z. Looby
Dr. R. L. Russell — Still Ex officio
Mr. Thomas S. Staples
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
Dr. J. G. Stuart
Mr. Jacob L. Reddix

Report of Committee on Nominations
Southern Regional Council
November 10, 1948--2

Reviewing the oustanding contributions made by certain persons in the field of interracial activities and other movements for human betterment, we make the following nominations for election to the Board of Directors, to take the place of the 1948 retiring members and fill an existing vacancy:

Mr. Mark Ethridge - declined
Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Judge J. Waties Waring
Mr. Jonathan Daniels

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius — declined
Mr. Barry Bingham — refused, SVM Dec 14. ef

The Committee is also faced with the duty of submitting nominations for the unexpired terms of three Board members, namely: Rabbi Stanley Brav, and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, who are no longer in this region; and Mr. Ernest Delpit, who has been unable to continue affiliation with the Council. We nominate the following persons for these memberships, the terms of which will not expire until the dates indicated:

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Newspaper Publisher (1950)
Daytona Beach, Florida

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. (1949)
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr. (1949)
Norfolk, Virginia

Respectfully submitted:
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

Mrs. Herman Hayman
Mr. J. B. Blanton
Dr. Mildred Mell
Miss Hortense Young
William H. Gray, Jr., Chairman

MEMORANDUM TO

MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Attached is a list of officers and of members of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

The terms of the class of 1948 of the Board of Directors expire at the time of the next annual meeting which falls on the 10th of November, 1948. All are eligible for re-election to to another term of four years.

You will be advised of any other vacancies which may occurr, due to resignation or other causes, between now and the next annual meeting.

Atlanta
December 5th, 1947

Agnes McKoy
Secretary

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

President *
Paul Williams
Richmond

First Vice-President *
~~R. B. Young, Norfolk~~
Replaced by Mr. Schulz

Second Vice-President *
Guy B. Johnson, Chapel Hill

Third Vice-President *
Carter Wesley, Houston

Fourth Vice-President *
Harold L. Trigg, Raleigh

Counsel
Leonard Haas
Atlanta

Executives

Executive Director *
George S. Mitchell

Associate Executive Director *
_____ 1/

Secretary-Treasurer
(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy

STATE DIVISION HEADS 2/

Dr. A. D. Beittel, Chairman
Alabama State Division, SRC

Mr. Edgar Ray, Chairman 3/
Florida State Division, SRC

Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Chairman 3/
South Carolina State Division, SRC

Rev. H. B. Schaeffer, Chairman
Mississippi State Division, SRC

Mr. J. M. Tydings, Chairman 3/
Kentucky State Division, SRC

* Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee of the Board.

1/ Vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Harold L. Trigg. The Executive Director has recommended to the Executive Committee that this office remain vacant until a suitable person may be found to fill the position.

2/ Voted Ex-officio members of the Board of Directors at annual meeting, November 13, 1947.

3/ Are elected members of the Board of Directors, also.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 1948 1/

Will W. Alexander
Charles Clingman
Virginius Dabney
O. D. Duncan
H. D. Goode
Charles S. Johnson *
Z. A. Looby
Benjamin E. Mays
N. C. Newbold
Howard W. Odum
Jacob L. Reddix
R. L. Russell
Thomas S. Staples
Edgar B. Stern
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
J. G. Stuart
Florence Sytz

Class of 1949

Stanley Brav
C. Hawkins Brown
Hodding Carter
Rufus E. Clement
R. P. Daniel
Ernest Delpit
W. H. Marmion 2/
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas *
Jacob R. Henderson
Maynard Jackson
Armand May
E. A. McDowell
L. D. Milton
Alfred Mynders
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
Edwin A. Penick
John G. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
J. W. Seabrook
Mrs. Eugene Spearman
J. M. Tydings
Forrester B. Washington
Aubrey Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

* Member Executive Committee of the Board
1/All eligible for re-election to a second four-year term
2/Elected Nov.1947 to fill unexpired term of P. H. Easom.

Class of 1950

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames 1/
Rufus B. Atwood 1/
Louis E. Burnham 1/
Felton Clark
Miss Emily Clay
William E. Cole 1/
Luther P. Jackson 1/
Louis I. Jaffe 1/
David D. Jones 1/
Gerald P. O'Hara 1/
D. V. Jemison 1/
Raymond Paty 1/
Edward Ray
Ira De A. Reid 1/
Philip H. Schulhafer 1/
Goodrich C. White 1/
Josephine Wilkins 1/ *

Class of 1951

Wilson M. Brown 2/
J. M. Dabbs
A. W. Dent 2/
Clark Foreman 2/
Charles H. Gillman 2/
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton 2/
Gordon B. Hancock 2/ *
T. James McNamara 2/ *
Arthur J. Moore 2/
Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
John H. Wheeler 2/

1/ Second term - not eligible for re-election to consecutive term in 1950
2/ " " " " " " " " " " 1951

* Member Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

TO APPRISE OF ELECTION TO THE BOARD, COMMITTEES, ETC...OR OF UNEXPIRED TERMS
November - 1947

To the Board of Directors:
Class of '47 reelected
as Class of '51:

Wilson M. Brown
A. W. Dent
Clark Foreman
Charles Hl Gillman *
Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock *
T. James McNamara *
Arthur J. Moore
John H. Wheeler

To Board of Directors (1st Term)

Rev. W.H.Marmion - replacing P.H.Easom
Mrs. W.H.Ratliff,- " F.C.Willcoxon
J. M. Dabbs - " R.B.Hervert

To Board of Directors (Ex-officio)
(All State Division Heads) 1/

Dr. A.D.Beittel, Ala.Div.
Rev. H.B.Schaeffer, Miss.Div.

Expiration of Board Membership:

F. C. Willcoxon
R. B. Herbert

As. Vice-President

Guy B. Johnson
Harold L. Trigg

As SRC Officers:

Paul D.Williams - reelected
P. B. Young, Vice Pres "
Carter Wesley " " "
Guy B. Johnson, Replacing Comdr Spencer
Harold L. Trigg, additional V.P.

As members of Executive Committee of the Board:

Rufus Clement reelected
Charles Gillman "
Leonard Haas "
Gordon B. Hancock "
Charles S. Johnson "
T. J. McNamara "
Josephine Wilkins "

As Standing Nominating Committee of
Membership for nominating Board Members

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Meet PM

William H. Gray, Chairman
J. E. Blanton
Mrs. Josephine Heyman
Mrs. Hortense Young - Ky
Witherspoon Dodge
(Alternate: Dr. Mildred Mell)

As Standing Nominating Committee of Board
for nominating Executive Committee Members

Forrester B. Washington, Chairman
John Griffin
Alice Spearman

As Standing Resolutions Committee for
1948 Annual Meeting:

Referred to Executive Committee
for immediate action at first
scheduled meeting. (By vote of Com.,
the Chairman appointed the following:)

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mrs. W. H. Borders
Dr. Forester B. Washington

Standing Finance Committee (Elected at meeting of Exec.Com. on Feb.25, 1948

Mr. Paul Williams (Chairman) ?
Dr. Charles Johnson
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Dr. W. W. Alexander
Mr. John Wheeler

MEMORANDUM TO

MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Attached is a list of the members of the Board of Directors.

The terms of the class of 1947 of the Board of Directors, with the exceptions set forth below, expire at this annual meeting. All are eligible for reelection for another term of four years.

Miss Clay, Mr. Clark, Mr. Jemison, and Mr. Ray, having been elected in 1946 to full terms (not to fill unexpired terms), are entitled to hold office for three more years. (They, too, are then eligible for reelection to another full term.) (Class of 1950)

There is also a vacancy to be filled in the unexpired term of P. H. Easom, Class of 1949. Mr. Easom resigned in 1947, so that the vacancy to be filled will have two years to run.

Atlanta
November 11, 1947

AGNES MCKOY
SECRETARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 1947 2/

Felton Clark 1/

Emily H. Clay 1/

Wilson M. Brown

A. W. Dent

Clark Foreman

Charles H. Gillman

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton

Gordon B. Hancock

R. B. Herbert

D. V. Jemison 1/

T. James McNamara

Arthur J. Moore

Edward Ray 1/

John H. Wheeler

F. C. Willcoxon

1/ Entitled to hold office for four-full years, since not elected to fill unexpired term.

2/ Eligible for re-election to another four-year term.

Class of 1948

Will W. Alexander

Charles Clingman

Virginius Dabney

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R. L. Russell

Thomas S. Staples

Edgar B. Stern

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J. G. Stuart

Florence Sytz

Class of 1949

Stanley Brav

Dr. C. Hawkins Brown

Hodding Carter

Rufus E. Clement

R. P. Daniel

Ernest Delpit

P. H. Fasom (Resigned '47)

John A. Griffin

Leonard Haas

Jacob R. Henderson

Maynard Jackson

Armand May

E. A. McDowell

L. D. Milton

Alfred Mynders

C. H. Parrish

F. D. Patterson

Edwin A. Penick

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G. D. Rogers

J. W. Seabrook

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

J. M. Tydings

Forrester B. Washington

Aubrey Williams

Marion A. Wright

Mrs. Warren Zeuch

Class of 1950

Redistricted to 2nd & 4-yr Term in 1946

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames

Rufus B. Atwood

Louis E. Burnham

Felton Clark Emily Clay

William E. Cole

Luther P. Jackson

Louis I. Jaffe

David D. Jones

Gerald P. O'Hara

D. V. Jameson

Raymond Paty

Edward Ray

Ira De A. Reid

Philip H. Shulhafer

Goodrich C. White

Josephine Wilkins

BOARD & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement (must leave city at noon on the 12th)
Mr. Leonard Haas
Msgr. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dr. Harold L. Trigg

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Rabbi Stanley R. Brav
Miss Emily H. Clay
Mr. Ernest Delpit
Dr. A. W. Dent
Dr. Clark Foreman
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Mr. R. B. Hobbert
Reverend M. G. Jackson
Dr. Jamison
Dr. N. C. Newbold
Dr. C. H. Parish, Jr.
Dr. F. D. Patterson
Mr. J. S. Pollard
Mr. C. D. Rogers
Dr. J. W. Seabrook
Mr. Phillip Shulhafer (uncertain about mem. meeting)
Dr. John A. Griffin
Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Mr. M. A. Wright
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

Y. S. M. - This will be useful when you revise list of Board Members
WBJ - May 29. 47

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OFFICERS

As elected at 1946 Annual Meeting

President
Paul Williams *
Richmond

First Vice President
P. B. Young *
Norfolk

Second Vice President
Frank W. Spencer *
Savannah Resigned

Third Vice President
Carter Wesley *
Houston

Counsel
Leonard Haas, Atlanta

Revise

EXECUTIVES

Executive Director
Guy B. Johnson *

Associate Executive Director
Harold L. Trigg *

Secretary-Treasurer
Emily H. Clay

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Inez B. Tillison

***Ex-officio members of Board of Directors**

By-Laws limit Board to 72 elected members
Pres., 3 vice-Pres, and Exec. 6 Ex-officio
78 Total

With addition of Clay, Clark, Jemison, and Ray at 1946 annual meeting, the limit of 72 was reached. Resignation of Eason creates one vacancy, class of 1949.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLASS OF 1946

1950

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Rufus B. Atwood
Louis E. Burnham
William E. Cole
Luther P. Jackson
Louis I. Jaffe
David D. Jones
Gerald P. O'Hara
Raymond Paty
Ira DeA. Reid
Philip H. Shulhafer
Goodrich C. White

Josephine Wilkins

Nov. '46
These selected as class of 1950, adding: Clay
Emily
Ed Ray
Jennison
Clark
Jemmings Perry
was elected, but he has never accepted. His acceptance would have run over the limit of 72 set by By-Laws.
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CLASS OF 1947

Wilson M. Brown
A. W. Dent
Clark Foreman
Charles H. Gillman
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
R. B. Herbert
T. James McNamara
Arthur J. Moore
John H. Wheeler

F. C. Willcoxon

1 Must hold office for 4 full years, since none was appointed to fill an unexpired term

2 Eligible for re-election to 4-yr term.

~~3 Should be not be entitled to vacancy~~

Note - "No elected director shall serve more than 2 consecutive full terms of 4-yrs each.

Bylaws set no limitation on no. of Vice-Pres.

CLASS OF 1948

Will W. Alexander

Charles Clingman

Virginius Dabney

O. D. Duncan

H. D. Goode

Chas. S. Johnson

Z. A. Looby

Benjamin E. Mays

N. C. Newbold

Howard W. Odum

Jacob L. Reddix

R. L. Russell

Thomas S. Staples

Edgar B. Stern

Mrs. A. M. P. Strong

J. G. Stuart

Florence Syts

CLASS OF 1949

Stanley Brav

Dr. C. Hawkins Brown

Hodding Carter

Rufus E. Clement

R. P. Daniel

Ernest Delpit

(P. H. Eason) Resigned '47

John A. Griffin

Leonard Haas

Jacob R. Henderson

Maynard Jackson

Armand May

E. A. McDowell

L. D. Milton

Alfred Mynders

C. H. Parrish

F. D. Patterson

Edwin A. Penick

John G. Pollard, Jr.

G. D. Rogers

J. W. Seabrook

Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

J. M. Tydings

Forrester B. Washington

Aubrey Williams

Marion A. Wright

Mrs. Warren Zeuch

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MEMORANDUM TO

MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Attached is a list of the members of the Board of Directors, the officers and executives of the Council.

The terms of the Class of 1946 on the Board of Directors expire at this annual meeting. All are eligible for reelection for another term of four years.

The offices of the president, the vice-presidents, and the counsel are to be filled, either by reelection or by new nominations.

The executive officers are subject to confirmation annually by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. New executive officers are chosen by the Executive Committee upon recommendation of a nominating committee. Miss Emily Clay has submitted her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer, and it will be necessary to fill this office. The Executive Directors recommend that Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, present Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, be nominated for Secretary-Treasurer, and that the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer remain vacant until a suitable person is found to fill the position.

The Executive Directors respectfully suggest that the nomination of Miss Emily Clay to the Board of Directors would be a recognition of her faithful service of twenty-three years with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Southern Regional Council.

Atlanta
November 6, 1946

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

H. L. TRIGG
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SPC Bd of Dir - Corresp

November 17, 1948

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here is our check covering your expenses to Board and Annual Meetings. It was a great pleasure to have you and Mrs. Dabbs with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

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November 17, 1948

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 S. 6th Street
Louisville 3, Ky.

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Here is our check covering your expenses to Board and Annual Meetings. It was a great pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

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SRC - Board of Dirs. - Corresp.

November 17, 1948

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Sherard
Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

Here is our check covering your expenses to Board and Annual Meetings. It was a great pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

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November 17, 1948

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

Here is our check covering your expenses to Board and Annual Meetings. It was a great pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

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November 17, 1948

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

Dear Mr. Tydings:

It was a great pleasure to have you with us for the Membership and Board meetings and we are especially appreciative of the cooperation and inspiration which you contributed to ~~the Board.~~ Both

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

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November 17, 1948

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
2102 Ponce de Leon Circle
Vero Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Zeuch:

Here is our check covering your expenses to Board and Annual Meetings. It was a great pleasure to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

Enclosure

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November 17, 1948

Miss Emily H. Clay
1837 Sylvan Drive
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Emily:

Very nice to have your letter of November 6.

I did nothing whatever about that resignation, which I do not regard as a resignation. You are still a Board member in the best of standing, yet the better for your kind contribution!

It was a good meeting, with full attendance and much enthusiasm. They buckled themselves down to the job of raising money in the South to keep the show going.

Maybe next year we can get you here again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

1837 Sylvan Drive
Clearwater, Florida
November 6, 1948

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

You have no idea how your letter of October 14 boosted my spirits! I still feel, however, that you are not getting the most for your money if you keep me on the Board when the membership is so limited. If I had the SRC list before me, I am sure that I could name many more than four people who could render greater service, and you know that my interest will continue whether I am on the Board or not. To be on the safe side, therefore, in case there is someone even at the last minute whom you would like to have among the Directors, I am enclosing a letter of resignation. Do not hesitate to use it if you think it would be for the good of the cause.

It is disappointing to me not to be able to come to the meeting next week. I like the set-up, as given in the recent communications, and I should like to be there to hear the program and to be with old friends. I hope that the meeting will be the finest ever. You and the staff are to be congratulated on the excellent reports which appeared in the October NEW SOUTH and on the progress made in spite of the limited financial resources.

Now that I have my name on a payroll again (even though ~~at~~ a greatly reduced salary!), I am enclosing a small contribution to the budget. Of course, I wish that it might be multiplied many times, and I continue to hope that the Council will find a gold mine somewhere.

to a mt. Nov 8. '48 & MM

One of the things I miss most is not being around to hear your little jokes. When you used to come through the front door and I glanced up to see a certain twinkle in your eye, I knew that it was time to stop work and listen. I wish that I had that gift of story telling. I like Mrs. Tilly's story about the effort to enforce the school attendance law, as reported in your letter. Maybe the "old sister from the far hollows" had something when she figured that in time of war it was a handicap to be able to read!

Best wishes to all my SRC friends, especially those on the staff.

Sincerely,

Emily H. Clay

Emily H. Clay

Check enclosed

1837 Sylvan Drive
Clearwater, Florida
November 6, 1948

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Since coming to Clearwater, it has not been possible for me to do much to advance the program of the Southern Regional Council, and now that I have a full-time job again I shall have even less opportunity to do so. Because of the limited membership, I feel that only persons of influence or those who can render active service to the Council should be retained as Board members. I am, therefore, tendering my resignation, in order that my successor may be elected at the meeting next week. You know that I shall always be interested and willing to do what I can, whether I am a Board member or not. I only regret that I do not have the qualifications which I consider important for membership.

It is disappointing to me not to be able to attend the annual meeting. I hope that it will be most successful, and I shall eagerly await reports of actions taken by the members.

Greetings and best wishes to all my friends who may be present.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

Emily H. Clay

P.S. Since writing this it has occurred to me that perhaps it should have been addressed to Mr. Williams. I am going to send it along this way, nevertheless!

November 17, 1948

Mrs. Ruby E. Lyells
1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

We had so hoped to see you at the meeting last week and were much disappointed that you could not be with us. We enjoyed having Mr. Schaeffer with us, and are so pleased over the ruling making him a member of our Board of Directors.

About Mrs. Priddy, - we do have her and Dr. Priddy as joint members, with $3.00 dues for 1948 paid on August 3rd. Is this the information you wanted?

In reply to your other question about the crediting of memberships received in October — we are in process of putting into effect a policy of having memberships run from the date on which they were taken out to the anniversary date in the following year. Billing will be based on this monthly system and will result, we hope, in more efficient handling of the whole matter of dues payments, billing, and so forth. Please let us know what you think of this plan.

As to Fellows, our by-laws provide that the Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. They must be well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation and place of residence, and their duties are to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Their term is for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board, and during their term of fellowship, they become members of the Council with all rights and obligations of members except that they are exempt from the payment of dues.

About thirty new Fellows were added by the Board at its recent meeting and all former Fellows were reelected to another two years term. Some few of our Fellows do, indeed, choose to pay dues and make contributions just as other members do.

Now that the meetings are over, I shall hope shortly to get your monthly report to you.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

1116 Montgomery Street
Jackson, Mississippi
November 12, 1948

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Let me ask a few questions regarding the membership cards which I just received from you. Why are not October memberships credited for the incoming year? How is a "fellow" determined? I noticed that Mr. Pipes is listed as a fellow. From our records he has paid membership dues and made a contribution just as many other members have done who do not carry this designation.

With sincere best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ruby E. Stutts Lyells

RESL/b

Mrs. McKoy, I'm referring to new members who join at state meeting for question number one. Can you tell me anything about Mrs. Priddy? We have her credited with joint membership for 1948.

I believe Rev. Schaffer is already there for the regional meeting. He deserves the encouragement which I know he will receive.

S

December 9, 1948

Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Clingman:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

December 9, 1948

Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor
The News and Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina

Did not accept

Dear Jonathan:

Our membership meeting unanimously elected you to the Board of Directors of the Council for a four-year term, 1948 - 1952.

I had had your letter saying that it was doubtful that you could serve. I can well understand that you have got a dickens of a lot of things on you, and may have more, but I still think that you could afford the one-day-a-year service to this show which your being on the Board would presumably entail. Anyhow, we pay you cash money to come to the Board meeting and to go home!

We really need you, and I go greatly hope you can write me that it is all right. Here is the list of the others (in the back part of this pamphlet). Ten of them we dropped, but we are asking on in their places such good eggs as you and MarkEthridge and Barry Bingham and Clyde Milner and three or four more.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

December 9, 1948

Dr. H. D. Goode
642 West Wright Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Dr. Goode:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

June 7, 1944

Dr. H. D. Goode
405½ N. De Villiers Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Dr. Goode:

We are happy to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council and of its Board of Directors. Let me express our deep appreciation for your generous contribution to the work of the Council.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you in behalf of a better South.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Dr. H. D. Goode

Letter of May 9, 1944, re SRC Board membership.

Copy filed under Dean T. S. Staples of that date

State-Planters
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
ESTABLISHED 1865

February 26, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710, Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for the information you give in your letter of the 24th on the charter meeting of the Southern Regional Council. I am interested in the work and the objectives of the Council and shall be glad to serve on the Board of Directors.

With best wishes, believe me,

Cordially yours,

Wilson M. Brown

WMB:PL

December 9, 1948

Dr. Z. A. Looby
419 - 4th Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Looby:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

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Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
419 FOURTH AVENUE, NORTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
6-5780

November 9, 1948

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Miss Agnes McKoy, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss McKoy:

I have just returned to the city after an absence of about eight weeks. It will, therefore, be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors next Wednesday. Please say to the membership that I regret my absence and that this is not due to a lack of interest but due to circumstances which are for the present beyond my control.

Very truly yours,

Z. Alexander Looby

Z. Alexander Looby
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Z. ALEXANDER LOOBY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
419 4TH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TENN.
6-5780

May
10
1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 8, 1944. Recognizing the potentialities of the Southern Regional Council I am glad to accept membership on the Board of Directors and to make whatever small contribution that I can in an effort to meet the pressing problems of today and tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Z. Alexander Looby

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Dr. Z. A. Looby

Letter of May 8, 1944 re SRC Board membership

Copy filed under Dr. N. C. Newbold of that date

December 9, 1948

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

June 13, 1944

Dr. Jacob L. Reddix
President
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Reddix:

Let me welcome you as a member of the Southern Regional Council and of the Board of Directors of the Council. Also let me thank you for your generous contribution.

It was a pleasure to meet you when I was in Jackson, and I hope that I shall have the privilege of seeing you again before long.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

JACKSON COLLEGE

For Negro Teachers

Jackson, Mississippi

Office of the President

June 6, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I received both of your letters. I am sorry that I have been out of my office during the past few days and did not have the chance to answer promptly.

I appreciate very much the invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I accept this responsibility with the understanding that I shall do whatever I can to help out in this organization of which I am tremendously interested. You may list me in the capacity that you have suggested, and kindly mail me all communications and notices that will be necessary for cooperation with the officers of the organization.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob L. Reddix
President

JLR:mw
Enclosures

Dr. Jacob L. Reddix

Letter of May 9, 1944 /re SRC Board membership

Filed under Dean T. S, Staples

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December 9, 1948

Dr. R. L. Russell, Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Russell:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948. I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program.

The membership meeting on November 10 elected you to the Board of Directors in your ex officio capacity as head of the Georgia Interracial Committee, so that we look forward to continuing to have your advice and aid in the work of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

December 9, 1948

Dean Thomas S. Staples
Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Dean Staples:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

May 23, 1944

Dean Thomas B. Staples
Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Dean Staples:

I am delighted that you have accepted membership on the Council and on the Board of Directors. I am sending you some material which will help to give you a better acquaintance with the background and purposes of the Council. Enclosed is a copy of an address which I delivered at Raleigh on April 20, and some data on the personnel and geographical distribution of the Board and the Council. Under separate cover you will receive copies of minutes of previous meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Enclosure
Separate cover

HENDRIX COLLEGE

CONWAY, ARKANSAS

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN

May 18, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have accepted membership on the Council and membership on the Board of Directors. I am not as thoroughly familiar with various aspects of the Council as I should be. Of course the reprint from the March issue of the Southern Frontier helps some. Any further literature on the Council's work might help me. As a matter of fact, it would help me to have any information as to the permanence of the program or to the significance and geographical distribution of the men and women on the Council and on the Board of Directors. I am very much interested in having you tell me about the representation on the Council and on the Board of Directors from this state. I mention this for the simple reason that we are trying to get some things started looking toward the same objectives that the Southern Regional Council has in view. You can see how I feel that it is very important that we not project anything that does not fit into the larger and more enduring program of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Staples

TSS:WM

Thomas S. Staples, Dean

This letter was sent to:
Mr. O. D. Duncan, Stillwater, Okla.
Dr. Jacob L. Reddix, Jackson, Miss.
Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Louisville, Ky.
Dean Walter Matherley, Gainesville, Fla.
Dr. H. D. Goode, Pensacola, Fla.
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong, Marianna, Ark.
Archbishop Robert Emmet Lucey, San Antonio, Texas

May 9, 1944

Dean T. S. Staples
Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Dean Staples:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council you were elected to membership in the Council and also to membership on the Board of Directors.

Since you may not be thoroughly familiar with the nature and aims of the Southern Regional Council, I am enclosing a reprint from the March issue of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and a brief memorandum concerning the structure and purpose of the Council.

I hope that you will accept membership in the Council and that you will be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for the Council very much needs your wisdom and cooperation in shaping its program and policy.

The Board of Directors will hold its regular annual meeting on the second Wednesday of October at the same time as the annual meeting of members of the Council. We will need other meetings occasionally, but I think I can promise that, as a general rule, we shall not need more than two meetings a year. The expenses of the Board members will, of course, be borne by the Council.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Will you kindly use the enclosed blank in making your reply.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ/j

Enclosures: Reprint from March FRONTIER
Memorandum about Council
Membership blank with quote from charter

December 9, 1948

Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
P. O. Box 580
Marianna, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Strong:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

June 12, 1944

Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
P. O. Box 503
Marianna, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Strong:

Let me welcome you to membership in the Southern Regional Council and to its Board of Directors. We are very happy to have your cooperation. We are looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting of the Council in October.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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Assistant Secretary
Mrs. E. Bessie Baker
1512 Davis Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Vice President
Mrs. C. P. Henry
123 S. Queen St.
Dover, Delaware

Historian
Mr. J. Graham Scott
Milford, Delaware

Parliamentarian
Mr. William I. Lee
1624 S St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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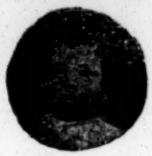
President

MRS. A. M. P. STRONG

P. O. Box 503, Marianna, Arkansas



Secretary-Treasurer
MRS. ODESSA McKINNEY
306 Masonic Temple Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Director of Organizations
Mrs. Lillian Trigg
220 Lawson Street
Bluefield, W. Va.

Director of Extension
Mrs. D. C. Rayford
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

Director of Public Welfare
Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
1611 Harding Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Director of Education
Mrs. Zula E. White
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Director of Home Service
Mrs. O. K. Glass
836 Clay Street
Henderson, Kentucky

Director of Health
Miss Rosa M. Mosby
231 Washington St.
Mt. Holly, N. J.

June 5, 1944.

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I thank you for your letter of May 31, and also for the copy of the letter of May 9, 1944.

My failure to answer before now, is not due to a lack of interest, but solely to the fact that our school closed here on May 25, and that just about that time, I was called to attend an important meeting in New York City.

I am very glad to accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and also membership on the Board of Directors.

At the present, I see no reason why I shall not be able to attend the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on the second Wednesday of October, 1944.

You will find the enclosed blank properly used, as you requested. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

A. M. P. Strong

(Mrs.) A. M. P. Strong

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This letter also sent to Dr. Goode, Mr. Reddix, and Mrs. Strong.

Board

May 31, 1944

Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
Box 503
Marianna, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Strong:

I thought that perhaps for some reason you did not receive my letter of May 9, and so I am enclosing a copy of it together with the enclosures which were sent with the letter.

I hope that you will let us have your acceptance of election to membership in the Southern Regional Council and on its Board of Directors. If you would like to have any further information about the Council, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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Enclosures

Mrs. A. M. P. Strong

Letter of May 9, 1944 re SRC Board membership

Copy filed under Dean T. S. Staples of that date

December 9, 1948

Dr. J. G. Stuart
2030 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Stuart:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your membership on its Board of Directors for the four-year term from 1944 through November 10, 1948.

I should like to express personally to you my appreciation of the help and encouragement you have given to the Council's program. We hope that in the future you will continue to be one of our firm supporters. We count you still as an active member.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

JULIAN G. STUART, M. D.
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT
2030 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Feb. 26, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Please permit me to thank you for your letter of February 24.

I am happy to know of the very successful charter meeting held last week, and deeply regret that professional business in Tallahassee, Florida, prevented my attending.

It is a pleasure to accept membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and I pledge my wholehearted support in helping to carry on the work to the best of my ability.

Yours very sincerely,

J. G. Stuart

J. G. Stuart

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cc: Mrs. McKoy

Sending: Machines in the Cotton Fields, Weisiger's two pamphlets, October 1947 New South, November 1948 New South, By the People, Survey Manual

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December 9, 1948
Dict. December 8

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
645 Hunter Street
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Bishop Wright:

The Council appreciates your willingness to serve as a member of its Board. Please make any use of the Council's people or talents that may occur to you as helpful.

Dr Harry Richardson
Hammond

I send you three or four other pamphlets that I failed to bring out this morning, and a list of all of them.

If you will be needing more early next week, let us know, and we will get them to you promptly.

Mr E W Palmer
Kingsport Press
Kingsport, Tenn

I call particular attention to the mimeographed one, "The Home-Town Self-Survey." If you will look through its introductory couple of pages, you will see its remarkable potential usefulness. There is a note about it also at the top of "Notes and Comments" on page 6 of the enclosed just-from-the-press-today issue of New South. Anything you can do to help get local communities using the survey manual will be to everyone's benefit.

I believe I did tell you that we would expect you to become a member of the Council. Dues are $5.00 a year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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December 10, 1948

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your service as a member of its Board of Directors for the four-year term 1944 - 1948.

It is a pleasure to inform you that at the annual membership meeting on November 10, 1948 in Atlanta you were reelected as a member of the Board for the four-year term 1948 - 1952.

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I shall take for granted your acceptance.

We are grateful for the assistance which your continued interest in the Council gives to its work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

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BARRY BINGHAM, *President*

MARK F. ETHRIDGE, *Publisher*

LISLE BAKER, JR., *Vice Pres. & Treas.*

The Courier-Journal
THE LOUISVILLE TIMES

LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

December 13, 1948

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of December 10. I greatly appreciate the action of the Southern Regional Council in electing me to the Board of Directors.

I wish I could serve, but I must reluctantly decline. I am already involved in so many committee activities that I cannot honestly pledge even a limited amount of time to another group. If I should serve on your Board, I would certainly want to take an active part in your program. Since this happens to be impossible for me under present circumstances, I must regretfully decline the honor which you have offered me.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Bingham

Barry Bingham

December 10, 1948

Mr. Barry Bingham
Louisville Courier-Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

When the Southern Regional Council had its annual meeting in Atlanta on November 10, it gave itself the pleasure of electing you to membership on its Board of Directors for a four-year period, 1948 - 1952.

I do greatly hope you can write us that it is all right with you to come on and serve. We won't take a lot of your time; at most, one day and the next day in the year for a Board meeting and membership meeting, and some of you very busy Board members only give us one day a year. We do pay travel expenses to the meeting and back.

The Board membership is about what is shown on the last pages of this pamphlet, though ten were dropped at the end of the year and we are asking others to take their places. They include, by the way, Mr. Mark Ethridge and Mr. Jonathan Daniels of your profession.

You would help us a lot if you would come on, and we do hope you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mr. J. M. Tydings
Mrs. Agnes McKoy

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. McKoy

December 15, 1948

Rabbi Stanley R. Brav
9 Avons Fields Place
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Brav:

I greatly regret that at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council (November 10, 1948, here in Atlanta) it was necessary, in accordance with the by-laws of the Council, to take notice of your departure from within the boundaries of the South as the Council divides it, which departure had the unfortunate consequence of our having to drop you from the Board of Directors.

We were all sorry, because we thought of you as one whose advice and support was most helpful to us. We hope that we can always keep you as a member, and shall greatly hope that you will sometime come South of the river again.

Meanwhile, North or South, we count you a friend!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

June 1, 1948

Rabbi Stanley R. Brav
1209 Cherry Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Brave

On behalf of Mr. Paul Williams, our Council's President, I regretfully take on the duty of bringing to the attention of our Board of Directors at its next meeting your resignation as a Director of the Southern Regional Council.

You have been a greatly valued member and leader in the Council's work.

I myself lived in Cincinnati a year or two about 1943, and had the pleasure of knowing an Episcopal minister there, the Reverend Mr. Ware. At that time he had a week-time job in some relationship to the Social Security Board, and served on Sundays as minister of the small chapel which I attended.

If he still is in Cincinnati, I am sure you will find him a most valuable friend.

We will enroll you as an associate member and will hope that later on you will come back to carry forward your great work in these States.

A.M.K

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 1, 1948

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I answered Rabbi Brav's letter, as enclosed.

I will be at pains to have the matter brought to the attention of the Board at its November meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Enclosure: Ltr sgd Stanley R. Brave, dtd 25May48
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ANSHE CHESED CONGREGATION

Vicksburg, Mississippi

May 25, 1948.

President,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Friend:

Accepting a post in a larger field of Jewish service, beginning July 1, 1948, as Associate Rabbi of Rockdale Avenue Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, I am compelled to tender my resignation from the Board of Directors and active membership in the Southern Regional Council.

I trust you will permit me to become an Associate Member. The Council is the most promising agency I know for the social and moral growth of the South. I have felt distinctly privileged in being associated with it, and with the men and women of vision and courage who take up the challenge of its leadership.

The very best of wishes for the success of your administration, and for the constantly expanding influence and blessing of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Stanley R. Brav
/t/ Rabbi Stanley R. Brav.

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P. S. My future address will be
9 Avon Fields Place,
Cincinnati, 29, Ohio. gne - noted

SRC Bd. Membership

November 20, 1945

Rabbi Stanley Brav
1209 Cherry Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Brav:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

For your information the Board holds two regular meetings annually. One of these is held on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and the other is held immediately on the adjournment of the annual meeting. The time of the annual meeting is the second Wednesday in November. Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:MS

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. McKoy

SRC - Bd of Dirs - Membership

December 15, 1948

Mr. E. W. Palmer
Kingsport Press, Inc.
Kingsport, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I take pleasure in writing you that at the annual membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 10, 1948 in Atlanta, you were unanimously elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Council for a four-year term, 1948 - 1952.

The Board membership is generally that given in the enclosed leaflet, although some ten of the Board members there shown were not reelected, and other persons were chosen to fill their places.

The Council expects Board members to attend a single annual meeting, which has hitherto been held in connection with the annual membership meeting. Most Board members come, therefore, for the membership meeting on one day and the Board meeting on the next. The Council pays the travel expenses of its Board members to the meeting and back.

We were all delighted by your wire to Mr. Williams at the time of the meeting that you will be willing to serve in this capacity. We therefore regard you as now an official member of the Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. McKoy

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December 15, 1948

Mr. Arthur Raper
Social Science Analyst
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Arthur:

While you were in Japan, we wrote Carl Taylor to see if we could get you to be on the Board of Directors of the Council for the four-year period 1948 - 1952. Carl wired us on your behalf that you were "accept". So we have put you down for a Board member! It is a joy to write you just this, without going through the elaborate language of writing to the other big shots who are coming on the Board.

We are awfully glad to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN REG COUNCIL RM 432 63 AUBURN AVE NORTHEAST

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ARTHUR RAPER IN JAPAN FOR THREE MONTHS BUT SINCE I KNOW THE SOUTHERN COUNCIL, KNOW ARTHUR RAPER AND HE IS ON MY STAFF I FEEL JUSTIFIED IN ASSURING YOU HE WILL ACCEPT APPOINTMENT TO YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS=

CARL C TAYLOR BUR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS WASH DC=..

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

GSM:t
bc: Harold Fleming
Mrs. McKoy

December 16, 1948

Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor
The News and Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Jonathan:

Thanks for your fine editorial, which we greatly appreciated. Here is the text.

You are more than half right about Boards of Directors, and of course about our Board too. But ordinarily about thirty members turn up. They come from all over the South. They are glad to see each other. They speak seriously and to the point. The Executive Committee and the staff of the Council faithfully pay mind to what the Board lays down. I think myself that the Board members have in mind, when they come together, that the Council is a meeting ground of both races and of people pushing progress at varying rates of speed, but a meeting ground at which by established custom people are honest, don't show off, do plan temperately for getting useful things done.

I am taking literally the phrases in your letter about coming on the Board if either Barry Bingham or Mark Ethridge does also. Bingham has written us that he can't, but I have reason to think that Ethridge will. I will write you the outcome.

I will be through Raleigh early in January, and will hope to catch you in town.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Daytona Beach Evening News
DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL
The Sunday News-Journal

DECEMBER 16, 1948

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am very glad to accept membership on the Board of the Council. I trust this will not necessitate my presence in Atlanta more than once a year.

Looking forward to seeing you on January 2.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Herbert M. Davidson
Editor

Herbert M. Davidson/mr

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cc: Mrs. McKoy

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December 15, 1948

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I have the honor to tell you thus formally that the membership meeting of the Council on November 10, 1948, unanimously elected you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for an unexpired two-year term, reaching from November, 1948 to November, 1950.

I do hope you can tell us that you accept.

We all greatly value your help and wisdom.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

SRC - Board of Directors

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Membership

Mrs. McKoy:

We followed your suggestion in writing George Stephens. Letter went out as you saw it yesterday, with the change about "gifts totaling $51.10".

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GSM:t
bc: Mrs. McKoy

December 16, 1948

Mr. Ernest Delpit
3631 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Delpit:

The Council has had the honor of having you as a member of its Board of Directors since 1944. We have valued your connection with the Council and are, therefore, sorry that because we have not been able to get you to pay your dues, it was necessary under the by-laws to drop you as a member of the Council and, accordingly, as a member of the Board.

I do hope you will recall your interest in the Council's work and send in your dues, and be a member of the Council again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 20, 1945

Mr. Ernest Delpit
3631 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Delpit:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:ms

November 17, 1949

Dr. Alonzo Moron, President
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear President Moron:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's Executive Committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

I enclose a list of the present Board members and of the fourteen persons elected the other day. Board membership is held for varying periods. The term to which you were elected expires in 1953.

I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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721 RUSSELL, NE

TELEPHONE 66

CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

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November 28, 1949

Mr. George Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Southern Regional Council

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I consider it an honor to have been named a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. It was a pleasure to have your letter of November 22nd informing me of the election. And I wish to assure you that I will be pleased to cooperate with you and the Board toward the end that the Southern Regional Council, Inc. will be even more effective in making the South a good place for all to live.

Please feel free to call upon me when necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra E. Maxwell

Cassandra E. Maxwell

November 22, 1949

Miss Cassandra Maxwell
721 Russell Street, NE
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Miss Maxwell:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's executive committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 10, 1952

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Sytz:

My friend Gordon Lovejoy, who for some years occupied the chair in human relations at the University of Miami, is casting about for an academic position, beginning with the '53-54 session.

Can you tell me, privately, whether there is a prospect for a vacancy in whatever expansion will occur at Tulane as a consequence of Mr. Favrot's bequest?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

March 28, 1949

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee on March 16, members of the nominating committee of the Board for bringing in nominations to the Executive Committee were chosen by the Executive Committee as instructed by the Board in November.

Dr. Forrester Washington of the Atlanta University School of Social Work was chosen as chairman of this Committee, and other members named were yourself, Mr. John Griffin of Emory University, Dr. Luther Jackson of Virginia State College at Petersburg, and Mrs. Alice Spearman of Newberry South Carolina.

I do hope you will find it possible to serve on this Committee. May I not hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

December 24, 1948

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane University School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

The Southern Regional Council has been honored by your service as a member of its Board of Directors for the four-year term 1944 - 1948.

It is a pleasure to inform you that at the annual membership meeting on November 10, 1948 in Atlanta you were reelected as a member of the Board for the four-year term 1948 - 1952.

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I shall take for granted your acceptance.

We are grateful for the assistance which your continued interest in the Council gives to its work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t:nh
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

February 28, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am, of course, accepting the election and I will cooperate in the work of the Council in everyway I can.

Sincerely,

Florence Sytz

Florence Sytz

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February 24, 1944

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Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter which was addressed to you on February 1. Since we have not heard from you, we are wondering whether our letter may have gone astray in the mails.

Assuming that you would accept charter membership in the Southern Regional Council, Inc., the members present at the charter meeting last week elected you to membership on the Board of Directors. We hope that you will accept the election and will cooperate in the work of the Council in every way that you can. We shall look forward to an early reply.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

PAUL D. WILLIAMS, RICHMOND
PRESIDENT
P. B. YOUNG, NORFOLK
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MRS. AGNES McKOY
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HAROLD C. FLEMING
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Southern Reg[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, [illegible]

October 8, 1948

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are official notices of the annual membership meeting, and of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. These will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
9:30 A. M. - 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, November 10th, 1948, - a brief pre-membership meeting to be held in the Conference Room, Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut St., S. W.

Membership
10:30 A. M., Wednesday, November 10th (Registration from 10:00 to 10:30) in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Board of Directors
10:00 A. M., Thursday, November 11th, 1948. Conference Room, Administration Building, of Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

From the above you will note that the full meeting of the Board of Directors, formerly held on the afternoon preceding the membership meeting, has been shifted to the morning after; while the brief, post-membership meeting, usually held immediately following, has been made to precede the membership meeting.

The plan is that the brief, pre-membership meeting of the Board will hear the report of the Executive Committee, take such action as it sees fit, and then go in to the Membership Meeting. The morning after can then be given to the calm, wise, unhurried deliberative action, so characteristic of full meetings of the Board, with newly elected members taking part in planning for the coming year. We hope you will make every effort to be present for all three meetings as matters of great importance will be discussed and your thinking is needed.

Please fill in the attached blank and return it to us in the enclosed envelope as soon as you can, so that we may know whether to expect you. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board Members during the meetings will be defrayed by the Council, with an expense blank furnished you at the time of the meeting.

Cordially yours,
Agnes McKoy
(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Board of Directors

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 29, 1948

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The meeting of the Board of Directors on November 12, 1947, laid upon the Executive Committee a duty to report to the members of the Board a month before the next Board meeting as to a program for 1949 and a budget for that program.

The meeting of the Executive Committee September 15, 1948, had before it a program for 1949 and a budget. It considered the program and expressed no disapproval. It considered the budget and deplored the state of our finances and then, with the finance committee, spent several hours trying to devise ways to get more money.

Your executive director failed to request of the executive committee formal approval or disapproval of the program. In loyalty to the resolution of the November 12, 1947, Board meeting, the executive director, therefore, lays before the Board a 1949 program pretty much as presented to the executive committee early in September for its September 15 meeting. This is as follows:

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Nineteen forty-nine promises to be a harvest year in plans for Southern betterment. Not only will the civil rights question constantly prompt such plans, but a number of organizations and individuals will be bringing out the results of several past years of work. The Committee of the South will be publishing, between November, 1948 and mid-1949 the results of its elaborate studies on industrial location, farm adjustments, the work of state planning and development agencies, population migration, rural industries, surplus war facilities, and a major work on economic policy for the South. It is also doing work in the fields of urban congestion, agricultural credit, marketing techniques, and vocational education.

The Southern Association of Science and Industry, in conjunction with the University of North Carolina Institute for Social Research has already produced in 1948 two excellent studies respectively on forestry and possibilities for further industrial expansion in the South. Their forthcoming schedule includes studies on developmental research, wildlife resources, soils, natural resources, climate, minerals, recreations, and human resources. These can be expected during 1949.

In the field of State government government, a lengthy report and recommendations on constitutional and legal changes should be available from Mr. Alexander Heard, through a study at the University of Alabama.

The several Universities cooperating in the Bureau of Public Administration studies have issued much material lately. The Resource-Use Education group have useful studies completed and under way, and some of the State Planning Boards are turning out good work. In the field of education, results should be had during 1949 from the Regional Council for Education.

From all these sources it would seem possible to produce in 1949 an inclusive but still simple and understandable plan for the progress of the South in the next several years. It looks as though a fruitful way to clarify the planning would be to divide the Southeast and the Southwest respectively into their appropriate sub-regions, bringing out for the sub-regions, and for the States which include portions of each sub-region, strong pointers toward what to do next. We could also link the indicated changes in industry and farming with suitable recommendations for changes in state and local government.

The Council is built on the idea that a small staff should be kept constantly at work mapping future steps in progress, and that a widely scattered membership, appropriately organized locally, would busy itself with following through and producing the changes needed.

What is proposed, therefore, is that the backbone of 1949's work would be the production of understandable, clear planning materials for the South and that we urge our state and local committees to follow through with educational and positive action to get the changes going.

We have two or three proposed pamphlets in the cook which, in ordinary course, would see print sometime early in 1949. These are, respectively, (1) an appraisal of the Social Security System as it affects the South, with recommendations for changes; (2) a review of legislation in the field of farm tenure, and recommendations for state action to protect and improve the status of tenants of agricultural land; and (3) possibly a manual straightening out the South on the

disputed idea of an FEPC. Two and maybe three of these could be fitted into a general plan. But I am inclined to think that the work already done on them should bear fruit in the issuance of separate pamphlets.

On the matter of a general plan, the Council has been promised the non-salaried help of Mr. Charles M. Smith of Arlington, Virginia. As some of the members of the Committee know, he has long collected material toward a plan for the South and, by reason of his ready access to published governmental material, could help us greatly in getting a general plan shaken down into manageable and seeable size. He is willing to serve in this capacity full-time without salary, though the Council has offered to cover his necessary travel expenses and purchase of books and pamphlets.*

The work program forecast, then, for 1949 would be, in summary, the production of popular planning material and the urging of local education on it and follow-up on it by our scattered Southern membership. In addition to that, we would continue to get out New South, in so far as possible making each monthly issue timely in its praise of achievement or description of shortcoming.

In addition, we will continue to try to strengthen State Divisions and to add active state organizations in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas, where we are at present thinly represented.

We are well equipped from 1948's work to continue to press an influential campaign in the South about civil rights. Our Digest of the Report of the President's Committee is still in print and is still selling. We also have our pamphlet on "The Condition of Our Rights." These two fit together and are an effective team in obtaining ready and sympathetic discussion by local groups of the need for better enforcement of existing rights and a broadening of the concept and law on human and civil rights in the South.

Other pamphlets which the Council expects to get in print before the end of 1948 will provide a basis for action in the fields of improved practices by Southern newspapers in handling race in the news (work under way by Mr. Calvin Kytle), and in the small community self-survey (work nearly completed by Miss Margaret Price). With

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* Mr. Smith has actually been at work under this arrangement full-time since September 1, 1948. His material looks promising.
G.S.M.

these, and our other offerings, we would continue to press the Council's broad educational movement. The community self-survey method should be particularly helpful in getting education and planning down to the grass roots.

On the sharply limited budget at present foreseeable for 1949, this is the most that the Council could do.

BUDGET -- 1949

As regards a budget, the following was presented to the Executive Committee:

For 1949 we can legitimately expect income of $34,900.00 made up of $25,000.00 on hand from the Rosenwald Fund, and other amounts of $9,900.00, of which $2,000.00 is from sale of literature and $3,850.00 is from membership dues and contributions. We can hope in 1949 to increase the income from sale of literature, and it is probable that by raising dues we could step up the receipts from membership dues by a thousand dollars or so.

The $3,850.00 of expected income for 1949 from membership dues and contributions would be exclusive of dues and contributions received for and transmitted to State Divisions. A total of $2,696.90 in dues and contributions was received last year for State Divisions and returned to them as follows: Florida, $908.50; Mississippi, $431.10; Alabama, (a new Division) $44.00; South Carolina, $1213.50, and Kentucky, $99.80. 1948 receipts for State Divisions are expected to run somewhat higher than those for 1947.

The only way which offers at present to meet expenses for the remainder of 1948 is to draw upon the $25,000.00 from the Julius Rosenwald Fund held in reserve for 1949.* If that be done, the sum available for 1949 would be diminished by the 12 or 13,000 so drawn in advance, and the 1949 budget would be short by that amount, plus $10,520.39, the difference now forecast between 1949 revenue and expenses. Unless the 1948 deficit is covered during 1948, we would face at the end of 1949 a total deficit of $23,520.39.

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* The Executive Committee left this sum intact and authorized the borrowing of up to $5,000 to cover the period from September 15 to the membership meeting November 10. Under this authority, the Council has borrowed $5,000.

The officers and staff have some plans for raising additional funds, both in 1948 and 1949 and subsequent years, but we can do no more than hope that our several appeals will be successful.

Quite outside the budget, the staff would wish funds for a number of other projects, chief among them the matter of building the facts and opinion which could launch in the South one or more police training academies. We have estimated the total cost of a worthwhile effort in this direction at $37,500, which would be spent over a twenty-four months period.

The budget forecase for 1949 would employ:

One Executive Director
One Secretary-Treasurer
One Director of Information
One full-time Field Representative
One half-time Field Representative
One Senior Stenographer
One combination Research Assistant and Membership Supervisor
One Junior Stenographer and Order Clerk
One Mailing and Shipping Clerk
One part-time Clerk

In addition, we would have the help of our three-man advisory committee, meeting weekly.

We cannot, on this budget, do the planning job that is the backbone of our 1949 program except on the continued assumption of Charles Smith's serving without salary, and we should safeguard that point by an offer of a proper salary for his work.

DEFICITS

It will be remembered that at the end of 1947 the Council had a deficit of $5,022.34. This would have been larger except for the pledges which were made at the 1947 Annual Meeting, totaling $1,350.00. Collections of pledges have amounted to $948.00. Thus we have during 1948 absorbed an absolute 1947 deficit of $5,424.

In 1948, if our forecasts for this year are accurate, we will have incurred a 1948 operating deficit of approximately $8,000.00. The combined deficits of 1947 and 1948 will total $13,000 if outstanding pledges of $402.00 are forthcoming, $13,402.00 if they are not.

INCOME, 1948 and 1949.

Total income to October 31, 1948 is $40,197.29. Anticipated income for rest of 1948 is $1,752.01. The difference between the total estimated expenses for 1948 is the forecast 1948 operating deficit of $8,000.00.

There is attached a review of relative expenses for 1947 and 1948 and estimates for 1949.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Enclosures

RELATIVE EXPENDITURES 1947 and 1948, and ESTIMATES FOR 1949

EXPENSE	1947	Budget 1948	1948 Thru Aug.31	1948 Yet Needed	1948 Total	1949 Estimate
Salaries	$38,306.33	$36,515.00	$21,357.01	$10,400.00	$31,757.01	$31,400.00
Travel	6,458.72	6,000.00	2,705.63	2,800.00	5,505.63	4,200.00
Telephone and Telegraph	836.04	700.00	596.92	250.00	836.92	840.00
Rent	1,630.00	1,560.00	820.67	520.00	1,340.67	1,560.00
Office Supplies and Expense	1,139.34	750.00	1,182.30	225.00	1,407.30	1,065.29
Special Research	546.30		375.31	200.00	575.31	500.00
Local Advisory Committee			30.00	450.00	480.00	1,560.00
Conference on Human Rights '47						
Conference on Human and Civil Rights '48	327.32		889.12		889.12	
Postage and Express	1,502.50	1,800.00	1,053.04	480.00	1,533.04	1,600.00
Printing of Literature	6,436.64	6,000.00	2,916.96	2,100.00	5,016.96	6,000.00
Books and Subscriptions	276.54	225.00	320.17	100.00	420.17	400.00
Exchange and Bank Charges	9.42		7.83	3.00	10.83	10.00
Clipping Service	148.96	75.00	65.63	50.00	115.63	120.00
Miscellaneous Expense	389.62		28.25	25.00	53.25	50.00
Interest on Bank Loans	66.50		39.17		39.17	
Office Equipment and Repairs	653.30					
Insurance			48.40		48.40	
Audit			150.00		150.00	125.00
TOTAL	$57,291.37	$53,625.00	$32,586.41	$17,603.00	$50,179.41	$49,430.29

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
GEORGE S. MITCHELL

MEJ — drafts of letters GSM signature 2/3/49

Dr. Mitchell:

Harold Fleming and I went over the notes from the SRC Board meeting November 11 and listed the possible follow-up actions on the attached sheets:

1. Matters that might be referred to Executive Committee when it meets next — Exec com folder

2. General follow-up, for GSM, PW, and others

3. Matters of fund-raising, which might be delegated to the various state groups as they meet (Board members and Fellows) — delegated on

4. Matters that Harold Fleming will follow up.

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BOARD MEETING THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1948

Invocation -- The Rev. Brent Schaeffer
Roll Call - Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Welcome of New members-- PW, president
Minutes --PW announced that minutes of the meeting the previous day had not been completed and would be sent out later.

Action on policy matters arising out of the membership meeting of the previous day:

PAUL WILLIAMS: We admitted that we had had things too easy and we faced the fact of supporting ourselves. No one blinked an eye. They rather welcomed the fact that the Southern Regional Council are mature enough to stand on their own feet. I did not detect one person who had the slightest trace of defeatism. On the contrary, when we faced the issue, there was a spontaneous response from the whole. It was Dr. Odum who wrote a letter saying he would put up $500. It was Tydings presiding, saying that he didn't come to Atlanta to preside over the liquidation of the Southern Regional Council....

We are not the least bit worried. Some of us are concerned, naturally. Some of us stayed up last night devising ways to go out and shake the bushes.

One thing was said by Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason: "We have to suffer for the things that we love." And last night, just before I went to sleep, I came across a little sentence from Emerson: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only gift is a portion of yourself." That is a challenge to us as we start this meeting today,

FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY MRS. McKOY

GSM: I would like to call attention to the important fact of southern church contributions to that income. Mrs. Ratliff is largely responsible for those contributions from the Woman's Society of Christian Service...The Presbyterian Church ought to give us a lot more than it does. The Episcopal group has out of very slender resources put up $100 a year, and given us a formal resolution saying we are good folks. We are very deficient in any money from the Baptist Church...The Catholic Church has come through informally....Does anybody have any suggestions?

DR. WILL ALEXANDER: Get a Mrs. Ratliff from each of those denominations on your Board.

GSM: They don't grow many Mrs. Ratliff's!

Mr. Dabbs: Dr. John Marion of Richmond has charge of this work for the Presbyterians.

GSM: Reported that he tried to see Dr. Marion on last trip to Richmond.

Note: GSM saw him on last trip to Richmond. 1/19/48 - MET

MR. DANIEL: What have the colored churches in the South done?

GSM: I am afraid nothing.

MR. ROGERS; Pledged for the ME Church of Florida, $100.

Mrs. Ratliff: Said Bishop Bowen will be very cooperative - GSM has seen Bishop Bowen

DR. HANCOCK: What official effort has been made to line up the white and Negro Baptists in the South?

GSM: We have explored the white Baptist group mainly with Mr. Brimm at the Louisville Seminary, and that is about all.

PW: Have you talked with Dr. Ted Adams?

GSM: I did, and he said he would have to see Brimm.

MET Lt correspondence with Baptists since

MR. DANIEL: I will pledge $100 from the Episcopalians or somebody!

MRS. HAVENS: Pointed out that Episcopalian donations were from both white and Negro Episcopalians.

DR. CLEMENT: We ought to be getting more money from Negroes. Negro Methodists are very strong in this state and the Baptists are strong everywhere. It would be worthwhile exploring that.

PW: Dr. Clements, would you be willing to discuss the matter with Dr. Mitchell and myself afterwards?

Mr. Daniel: There is a very splendid colored young Baptist minister in Jacksonville. He has a big church and is a member of the Urban League Board. I think he should be contacted.

PW: Would you be willing to go to see him with Mrs. Havens sometime?

MR. DANIEL: I will be delighted.

DR. HANCOCK: The National Baptist Convention of the Negro Convention has a large following...I feel that if some official would go to Dr. Jimison and explain what we are up against, it would help.

GSM wrote Dr. Jimison on 1/12

PAUL WILLIAMS: Would you be willing to do that?

DR. HANCOCK: I will be glad to do that, although Dr. Mays could do better than I could. I am very ashamed for the Baptists, and want to take my share of the responsibility. I will assist Dr. Mays if he will be chairman.

DR. MAYS: I am not saying you will get a lot of money, but I don't think any real approach has been made.

Miss S. has written letter

MISS SYTZ: Another group is social workers throughout the South. For example, the last issue of the Journal of Social Work was a civil rights issue, and did not have anything of what is coming out from this group in it. If there would be no objection, I might try to get an article in the next issue which would carry this statement on civil rights and make the play to see if we could get a larger group of social workers.

GSM: They are the people who must carry on the community surveys.

DR. FORRESTER WASHINGTON: The article to which you refer was written by the president of the New York Chapter of the AASW. The information he did give about the South was incorrect. The offices of the Atlanta School of Social Work complained bitterly about the inability to get field work openings in southern agencies. I think an article along these lines would be a good one.

MISS SYTZ: If the Survey published the statement, I think it should go in the Compass.

GSM has seen.

MR. ROGERS: I would like to cultivate the new Bishop Bowen of the Methodist Church. He is over this area. He was elected at the last conference--lives on Auburn Avenue.

MRS. RATLIFF: I think all of this is good, and we need to do it. But I think we will lose a great deal if the Southern Regional Council isn't a good folk movement. Our strength should lie in our membership, and we mustn't feel that the task is done when we meet our financial deficit. I think we must feel our responsibility to increase our membership tremendously.

pw; Reminded her of the motion passed at membership meeting about letter to be written to membership.

Mrs. Spearman: It seems to me that if we can get religious boards to show their endorsement of the Council, it will make it easier to get members.

Mr. Schaeffer: Mrs. Ratliff tells her workers that they cannot be bona fide members unless they are members of the Southern Regional Council.

GSM: When people get prominent we hear of them and send them a letter. But it is the not-yet-prominent people that we need.

Dr. Newbold: Are you interested at this time in possible contributions from individuals? I don't know whether you or anybody representing the Council has appealed to two or three people in Concord. One man is not particularly wealthy but is a strong man in Cannon mills. He is tremendously interested in Boy Scout work. Was chairman of an interracial committee for that organization. I can't for the moment think of his name, but will find out.

PW. Will you give that information to us?

Newbold: The people he works for, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, are very wealthy and are interested in work of this kind.

PW. Do you know them personally?

Newbold: I know Mrs. Cannon very well.

PW: Would you be willing to make an appointment, and either George or I could come down?

Newbold: I am in so many things it might be better to make a direct approach. I will help in any way I can.

MR. DANIEL: May I ask if any approach has been made to Mrs. Alfred Dupont of Jacksonville and Wilmington, Delaw are? She is a very generous woman. We might possibly enlist the assistance of Bishop

Fund Raising gen.

Duanne. I know that she has called on him to assist her in selecting most urgent needs.

MR. SCHAEFFER: If President Truman puts on the excess profits tax again, and allows the same reduction for benevolent contributions, we ought to get plenty of money.

MRS. GRACE HAM ILTON: Is there an active membership committee working w ith the Council at the present time? My thought was that we may be at the time when we may want some concerted effort to increase the members over the South--all of which would require work of present members and present Board members. I thought there might be some possibility of a direct mail campaign which might be productive.

PW: Would you like for the chairman to appoint such a committee?

MRS. HAMILTON: I make that as a suggestion.

MCNAMARA: Wouldn't Mrs. Hamilton's suggestion come within the scope of the appeal that is going to the membership?

SCHAEFFER: I would second the motion that we add this to the letter.

MCNAMARA: I don't think we should try to get too much over...

MRS. SPEARMAN: It seems to me w e have not made great progeess in increasing par ticipation. ...We have a good many members who have not participated enough to care a great deal.

GSM: Pointed out that 44% of our members give more than the amount of their dues.

Mrs. Spearman: Elaborated on the need for "special projects". Said she thought Dr. Odum's suggestion about shaping up a concrete program in the field of civil and human rights was a "marvelous" one.

Dr. Hancock: Sp oke of the need for a leaflet listing in 1-2-3 order what has been done and what is to be one.

JACKSON: Spoke along same lines.

GSM: We have been coasting along on the general leaflet which we put out two years ago. The situation has moved on and we ought to put out something newer .

PW: A little 4-page folder is what we need.

HANCOCK: I make a motion that a small folder be prepared, of suitable size that will acquaint people with what we have done and what we propose to do.

DANIEL: I suggest that for this leaflet we procure some paper with a watermark reading "not affiliated with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare."

HANCOCK: ~~Waxmight~~ Is it true that our Council took a major share in spearheading the Negro police movement?

GSM: That is about accurate, although other organizations participated.

WRIGHT: It might be encouraging to know that I took occasion to place a copy of the issue of New South in the hands of the mayor of my town, which is Conway, South Carolina, and they have put on 2 Negro polic emen.

GSM: Told of relationships built up through corresponding with police chiefs on matter of Negro policemen.

GUY JOHNSON: When we publish this leaflet it shouldn't have much in print. Whcy couldn't it have artwork and pictures like that put out by the United Negro College Fund?. All this costs more, but you have to spend money to raise money.

TYDINGS: I wonder if Dr. Hancock's motion couldn't be rather general, and acommittee be appointed from this Board to work out details.

MRS. ZEUCH: I am in accord, but I want you all to remember that Florida gives credit to their large membership to the fact that they had a field secretary for two months. That was a year and a half ago, but we still retain the largest number of members. Let us remember that the right person working within the local group really brings you the best returns.

CHARLES SMITH: I know that with such a pamphlet in the North Virginia area, I could use a hundred of them, and I'll bet I could get a 75% return.

MRS. SPEARMAN: (Spoke of confusion among liberal-minded persons.) And, about the leaflet: I would like to see this a positive thing that would help to relieve this confusion. We haven't been very agressive about a positive program in the Council. Let us play up this study of the sub-regions and a sound, positive program to dissipate this confusion. Rather than so much of this about what has been done, let's make this something of a gathering of people around what needs to be done and help them to show the way.

PW: "The Chart for a New South."

MOTION PASSED.

DR. MAYS: I think it would be a nice thing if those of us here should make our own declaration as to what we are going to do about next year's budget.

PW: Ver y much to the point.

SYTZ: I said yesterday I would be responsible for $100.

DR. ALEXANDER: I will give $100 for this year's budget and $100 for next year.

NEWBOLD: Does the motion just passed include authorization to appoint a committee.

PW. Y es.

DANIEL: I think each member of this Board should pledge himself...

MCNAMARA: In the light of our experience last year, I think that we must have embarrassed some people , when one-quarter of them who subscribed could not pay. I for one do not subscribe to such a condition.

DANIEL: It is not a question of subscribing it yourself, but what you will try to do.

PW: I think we can retain the spirit of what you seek by asking everyone present before the meeting adjourns to indicate by a slip of paper what he can do.

MCNAMARA: I approve of the president's suggestion.

MR. DABBS: For the South Carolina Division, I will be responsible to see that that Division contributes as much as $200.

HASS: I pledge $250 to the 1949 budget .

ROGERS: I pledge $250 for the Florida Division, and hope to get more.

TYDINGS: Commented, for the finance committee, on the attitude of foundations that we should have more local support... Said: I don't think we should overlook the businessman who gets income tax reductions for such contributions...We can still approach Foundations on projects like this police school idea.

GSM: Read final pa ragraph from Carnegie's letter turning down our request.

SYTZ: How many places do you have, like New Orleans, where we have a committee on race relations, not affiliated with this group, and what steps could be taken?

GSM: Discussed her question, pointing out that there has been pressure from some groups to affiliate in a very losse sense and pay us $10 a year...We have resisted, feeling that our name is worth more than that, and we could not involve our names in the political situations which might arise. We have suggested that those groups become chapters of the Council, each of th ose members joining the Council...One half of the dues are returned.

SYTZ: It seems to me that this is the time to strike in New Orleans. We have just raised a little money and we have a part-time secretary. We are going out on a membership drive of our local group. One thing you might do is to send a packet of literature to Mary Ray mond and a little about the advisability of affiliating, and I will approach it at another angle.

has been done

GSM: For the time being, let us set up a New Orleans chapter and a Baton Rouge chapter, and hope for the time when we can have a state chapter.

CHARLES SMITH: When I go back up to Arlington, I am going to call an informal meeting of Council members in that area, along with people who ought to be members, to convey to them what happened at this meeting...When I say that we can raise $250, I think that is modest.

TYDINGS: Could we get people who head printing presses and such to give services and materials as well as money?

CLEMENT: You might find that that isn't good business, in that you coldn't dictate the quality under such circumstances.

HANCOCK: Don't you think, by reason of its importance, this pamphlet should take precedence?

GSM: We will rush it on through.

NEXT AGENDA ITEM -- REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER; MRS. McKOY

MRS. MCKoy: REFERRED TO PRINTED (MIMEOGRAPHED) REPORTS ATTACHED TO AGENDA. We will need $8,000 for the rest of the year. The decision will be whether we borrow the $8,000.

MR. HAAS: There is no legal objection. I think it rather unwise to increase your bank notes.

DR. ALEXANDER: I think we should use the $25,000 from the Rosenwald Fund. We need to save this Council.

GSM: Pointed out that some felt a loyalty to waiting until 1949 to use the Rosenwald money.

SYTZ: I move that we use the $25,000, and that we pay off the loan which is in the bank.

MOTION PASSED.

DR. ALEXANDER: There is a danger here. The pressure to get new money must not be affected by the knowledge that we have the $25,000....I feel the morale of

yesterday. But it seems to me you have overlooked here the one way you have got to get a large part of this money...There is a great deal of new wealth in the South....We are a lot of do-gooders around here. In some way, we should get the younger businessmen who can get us substantial sums. If we could raise $50,000 in the South for this outfit to support its fundamental structure, then the Foundations would leap to the opportunity of giving us money for special projects. Have we got here the resourcefulness to get these younger businessmen? It seems to me that that is our problem.

MR. ROGERS: I am somewhat embarrassed at the fact that we have not explored all the avenues so far as the Negro group is concerned....I think there isn't enough interest among Negro businessmen and leaders. If we should divide up responsibility by states, I think we should put the $75,000 budget in as a maximum and shoot for big game. I think the leaders of the Negro race should take responsibility in carrying their share of this program...

SCHAEFFER: $10 contributions are fine, but you have got to get $1,000 contributions to put it over. What you have got to do is to get a man of persuasion to address a gathering of men with money.

MR. CLARK: If we could have Dr. Mitchell come down and me t with civic men's groups in New Orleans it would help...It is these groups that we cannot reach. These men are hungry to participate as well as give money.

GSM: You get me the invitations and I will come.

DR. MAYS: We have got to begin with a recognition of the fact that what we are standing for here is one of the most unpopular causes in the world. The United Negro College Fund is non-controversial. It is unpopular, and this is going to be far more unpopular. ...You might have to single out some eight or ten thousand businessmen of the South and have someone sit down in their offices and sell it that way.....We may have to sell these people individually rather than en masse.

CLEMENT: I wonder if we are wise enough to pick a dozen or so young businessmen who will let their names be used in connection with this program.

ALEXANDER: One of those men, making a half dozen telephone calls, can do more than most of us making a hundred. That is what we really ought to do.

SYTZ: Don't we have to face them on other issues? We've got to un-muddy the water on segregation and FEPC for these men.

CLEMENT: What happened to Young Bryan(?) in Richmond?

PW: Dr. Hancock, I will be glad to go down and see him with you. I explored some of these businessmen last year. I will be glad to go back again this year....I don't think we can get much money from the Rotary or Kiwanis group.

CLARK: I meant that as a contact...In Louisiana we don't have anybody to get these people. We need to just go in there and let them know what this is about.

ALEXANDER: George cannot do this work--he won't get anything else done. We need to get some businessmen.

GSM: I wonder if the people around this table couldn't mention the names of people in each state who should be reached.

(Then followed the discussion of names of people in each state, which MET has given to GSM already. If you can't put your hands on it now I will run through it again.)

DR. ALEXANDER: The people who give most intelligently are Jewish people of wealth. There must be in the South among the Jewish businessmen a lot of young men of wealth.

HAAS: Most of the young Jewish people are concerned with their Zionist dream of Palestine.

DR. ALEXANDER: In order that this movement be successful in my state--and I think perhaps in all southern states, we have got to put across one idea which my Florida friend spoke of, and that is a simple, disarming explanation of the civil rights program. The very first thing you are going to be thrown up against is this idea that"people are going to come down here and discourage my colored servants." That is another thing that ought to go in that leaflet.

SOMEBODY ASKED: Do you mean to tone it down, or tone it up?

DR. ALEXANDER: I mean to put it in monosyllables.

ANOTHER QUESTION: Do you mean to put some reference to civil rights in it?

DR. WILL: Of course, but say that it does not mean the things that they fear it will.

DR. WASHINGTON: The question that is going to be asked first is: What are Negroes doing? Negro businessmen don't give because they don't think that this organization is agressive or vital enough on that problem. I think if you do have some reference to civil rights in there, without going to any great length, you will unlock some money.

GSM: There is a great need for clearing up the lies that have been told about fair employment practices.

DR. WASHINGTON: I don't think you even have to mention fair employment practices.

GSM: I couldn't put my name to a amphlet that didn't express a forthright opinion on that.

DR. WILL: Your white businessmen will feel that you are going to fast. Your Negro businessmen are afraid you are going to slow. It is a tight rope to walk.

GSM: I was told a few weeks ago that no single bill has proposed to affect anything other than vacancies in business establishments.. Southern people do not understand that.

WRIGHT: I would be opposed to the issuance of any pamphlet by this group which attempted to place any construction on that act. It will automatically be considered by the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court takes a different view from the one we take, it might be very embarrassing to this Council.

CLEMENT: We don't need to spell out any of these things.

MCNAMARA: Spoke of need for arranging for these people to be approached personally in their communities, rather than from the central office.

CHARLES SMITH: Names that occur might fall into two classes: those that should be approached personally and that that should have an official organizational approach.

DR. WILL: In the Virginia area we have got some very substantial people who are connected with us. Could we take that area and undertake to get them to call together a few small groups of such people to talk through this thing and see if they could get some business support?

MRS. SPEARMAN: I wish you would use South Carolina as a laboratory for the churches.

HANCOCK: Do you not think that the matter of the front man is important. There are some of these people that a Negro should approach, and some a white man.

MRS. RATLIFF: Said that she and Mr. Schaeffer would send in names from their state later.

MAYS: In contac ting these new people, we need to be very careful that we tell them exactly what we are trying to do. If we win them and they find later on that we are standing for more than they thought we were standing for, we won't have them anyway.

DR. ALEXANDER: You've got the double problem of carrying these businessmen along and keeping the program.

GSM: The nearest thing to a platform we've got is the civil rights statement of September 15. Is everybody agreeable that we are safe if we stick to that?

MAYS: Yes.

DR. ALEXANDER: Very frequently these businessmen don't think this thing through. They believe somebody who tells them it is all right. You've got to get somebody to do some telling.

MRS. SPEARMAN. Too much of our program depends on the administrative staff. We should have some committees that really function. I would like to see regional committees, with a person like Mrs. Ratliff, working on finance and program and working with church people. If we had committees working on many of the things

we have discussed this morning, it would keep from putting the entire burden on the administrative staff.

GSM: How would such a committee work?

MRS. SPEARMAN: I would like to see some key person from all of our different denominations who would be trying to see from the point of view of program what is being done along this line...I think we have material that can be put into the churches.

MRS. RATLIFF: I think the churches would be very happy to have the relationship.

MRS. ZEUCH: Would they spend their own money to get together?

MRS. RATLIFF: I think the churches would do it.

MRS. SPEARMAN: I think the churches really do need the resource of an organization like this.

PW: We will explore that and see if it can be worked out practically.

GUY JOHNSON: I would like to say two things. One is following up on what Dr. Alexander said about having some prominent person say that this is all right. We have among our members several editors who are very sympathetic and rally to the Council. As we round out our fifth year of activity, we might see if we couldn't get these editors to make some editorial comment. The fact that it is five years might be a peg to hang it on. If other editors could be approached with this same idea, we might get 40 or 50 good editorial comments on the Council. That is something which would reach a lot of people and would give Dr. Mitchell and Harold Fleming something to clip out.

Second, it seems to me that we have done just about all we can do with this today. I wonder if we couldn't throw all these suggestions into the hopper now and leave it up to the staff and the executive committee and to the hard work of the members when they receive letters from the direc tor.

DR. WASHINGTON: I notice that you have the state head of one of the labor unions. I have heard no reference made to labor. I don't think that is imaginative, because CIO gives heavily to the Negro College Fund. I don't see why organized labor might not be approached.

PW: We have tried, and we plan to try again.

HANCOCK: We have emphasized the importance of the civil rights argument. Your remember when we started out the Durham manifesto had a lot of things broader than civil rights. Couldn't we make it broader, to cover the whole Durham manifesto?

PW: I don't think that was the intention. This leaflet would be a comprehensive thing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Clement, Gillam, Haas, Hancock, Guy Johnson, McNamara, Wilkins.

NOMINATED FOR OFFICE:

President--Mr. Paul Williams

Vice Presidents--Mr. John Wheeler (replacement of Mr. P. B. Young)

Mr. Carter Wesley

Dr. Guy Johnson

Dr. Harold Trigg

RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED.

DR. WASHINGTON: It is the wish of the nominating committee that I pass on to you one or two observations, suggestions, or recommendations. It is the feeling of the nominating committee that it would be helpful, since it is a standing committee, if during the year theadministrative afficers would give some careful attention to the potential membership of the executive committee and the potential roster of officers of the Council, some attention to the availability and the willingness to accept office.

The nominating committee feels that it will be to the interest of the Council if through the year the administrative offices will keep the nominating committee alerted. Finally, it is the feeling of the nominating committee that the section of the by-laws should be changed to some phraseology that will establish definite terms of office of the members of the executive committee. They should be elected on some rotating plan so that some members could be changed each year. The purpose of these suggestions is to make it possible for persons with new points of

view to be added without embarrassing the nominating committee. At present there is no way of bringing in new persons except as a replacement for resignation.

CLEMENT: I see the predicament the nominating committee is in. I would like to resign from the executive committee and give them a chance to put somebody else on.

WASHINGTON: If there is anyone the nominating committee would want to keep on, it is you. None of us serve on the executive committee. We were given this information eleven days ago. We are making the suggestion for next year.

MCNAMARA: The things that were said by the nominating committee were implied in the appointment of the nominating committee last year. It was hoped that you would explore these things during the year.

DR. WASHINGTON: There are two ways to look at that. I would assume that they would send us information.

GSM: If there were a minute of this Board meeting that it carry out the appropriate group of buy-laws, two members of the executive committee should be replaced annually, ?

SYTZ: That leaves the same kind of problem. You would miss that whole problem if you would set up an automatic revolving executive committee.

WILKINS: There is a degree of limitation. The executive committee, being a creature of the Board, is made up of Board members. That automatically limited the term of the executive committee.

DR. WASHINGTON: We are only making the suggestion.

Miss Wilkins: I point out this: Meeting as seldom as we do, we've got to have people on there who are wll informed.

MR. ROGERS: I move that the suggestion of the nominating committee be referred to the executive committee with power to act.

Mrs. Spearman: I would like to refer to the executive committee this matter of appointment of committees to serve on the regional level.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PW: I WOULD Like a motion that the committee, in consultation with the staff, handle standing committees for 1949.

NEXT AGENDA ITEM: CONFIRMATION OF FELLOWS:

GSM: Explained that list of suggested new Fellows would bring number from 42 to 94. That all names had been gone over bt advisory committee.

MR. WRIGHT: Moved that recommendation for Fellows be approved. PASSED.

PW: Read telegrams of acceptance to Board membership from EP Palmer and Arthur Raper (by Carl Taylor).

MRS. HAVENS: I am not optimistic enough to think that all of you have read the annual report of your field secretary, and I do not wish to inject it into a long discussion, but would like to ask that you do read it and give the suggestion that I make your thoughtful consideration during the coming year.

The recommendation of looking toward future years was not made without a great deal of thought and talk. I have talked to presidents of some colleges on the subject. I know there are two schools of thinking. I do believe that some corporations in the South would give to a foundation, the income from this foundation to pick up some of the work that the Rosenwald Fundation started and did not finish. It would give some toward our support. I only suggest that you talk about this idea with people you contact and think about it for future financing.

GSM: Mrs. Havens has a very good idea there. It has been done in other places.

Mrs. Havens; I made some very definite recommendations about looking into other foundations.

Dr. Will: The Indianapolis Foundation is the most successful of those foundations. A great many people are constantly pouring money into that foundation. It is a liberal, useful thing. If such a Foundation could be established for the South, I think it is a fine idea.

MRS. HAVENS: I have talked to three corporation heads, who agreed that they would not give anything to the Southern Regional Council as a Council, but they will be willing to give to a Foundation that would support the Council.

DR. NEWBOLD: Reported on his action of writing Jonathan Daniels suggesting an advisory committee on civil rights appointed by the president. I have notes on this--somewhat lengthy--if you want.

PW: We discussed something kindred to that in our general meeting and the conclusion was that we had better not do anything.

ADJOURNMENT.

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SRC

Exhibition Room, Library of Atlanta University
(Post-membership)
November 9, 1949
3:50 P.M.

11/9/49

Roll Call

Minutes of November 8 meeting (to be sent out)

Action on policy matters arising out of the membership meeting of the previous day

Election of officers of the Council (President, Vice-Presidents)
Dr. Forrester Washington

Election of members of the Executive Committee, Dr. Washington

Election of standing committees for 1950

- Standing nominating committee of the membership for nomination of Board members
- Standing nominating committee of the Board for nomination of members of the Executive Committee and of officers of the Council
- Standing resclutions committee

Other Business

Adjourrment

SRC - Board of Dir

AGENDA

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors

April 22, 1950, 10:00 PM

1. Invocation
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
4. Report of Executive Committee
5. Proposed testimony before Senate Committee on Labor-Management Relations
6. Resolution — Luther P. Jackson
7. Brief Reports on current activities -- GSM
8. Report of Secretary-Treasurer
9. Discussion of funds and the future of the Council
10. Confirmation of Acting Secretary-Treasurer
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Georgia Members of Board of Directors

Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, 2 P.M., in Bishop Arthur J. Moore's conference room

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John A. Griffin	Mr. Glenn W. Rainey
Mr. Morris Abram	Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Mr. Leonard Haas	Miss Josephine Wilkins

Staff members present were:

Dr. George S. Mitchell	Mrs. Norma Huff
Mr. Harold C. Fleming	Miss Beth Rogers

Mr. Griffin, Chairman of the Georgia 50 for '51 campaign, presided.

Dr. Mitchell brought before the group for advice a letter he had received the day before from Mr. Rowland Watts of the Workers Defense League, advising that the Council might receive a grant from The National Sharecropper Fund if application were made for such a grant. After discussion, it was agreed that Morris Abram should telephone a friend on the board of the Workers Defense League for information about present personnel of NSF; and that, if the group appeared to be responsible and dependable, application should be made for a grant, with the stipulation that any material mentioning the Council going out to the NSF mailing list should conform with the strategy of SRC and should be cleared with us.

The meeting then turned to a consideration of Georgia's 50 for

'51 campaign.

Mr. Rainey sketched the purpose of the campaign: to secure in each Southern State 50 people who would be responsible during 1951 for raising or giving $100, or, preferably, getting ten new members who would join at ten dollars each.

It was recalled that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee there was discussion of getting all Georgia members of the Council together. That can be done, but it was felt that the present meeting of Board members had to come first.

Regarding the problem of giving the membership a sense of participation in the campaign, the question was raised as to whether responsibility should rest on the Board members or on the membership as a whole. It was agreed that at present it would be simpler to have the Board members take first initiative in the campaign.

It was proposed that a committee of Board members or leading Council members in each sizable city in the State should be set up to work on the campaign there.

The problem of raising money in the Negro community was discussed, and Dr. Mitchell said that he would discuss with Mrs. Grace Hamilton and Mr. L. D. Milton the problem of reaching Negro professional people.

The meeting decided that, though the leaflets about the 50 for '51 campaign stated that all money should go in by January 1, 1951, in practice the entire year would be allowed for the money to come in.

The rest of the meeting was spent in going over the list of Georgia members, to determine who might be called on to take the re-

sponsibility for getting either $100 or ten new ten-dollar members, and to decide who among Board members or others present at the meeting should be asked to approach them on the subject.

Mr. Griffin undertook to write each Board member not present at the meeting, sending him a report of the meeting and requesting him to sign up personally as one of the fifty to participate in the campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

Board of Directors - Agenda 1950

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 7, 1950, 10:45

A G E N D A

10:45 Invocation

10:50 Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee

11:00 On the purpose of the meeting — President Paul D. Williams

11:10 Division into subcommittees

(1) On approaches to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools

(2) On preparedness for stress - local interracial committees

(3) On organization, finance, and publication

12:30 Luncheon

1:30 Convene as Committee of the Whole

John Griffin, presiding

Reports from summarizers (oral)

Discussion - The Pace of Change

2:45 Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Questions to staff members

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Mrs. Norma Huff, Secretary-Treasurer
Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information
Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Research
Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Membership Secretary

3:15 Budget for 1951

4:00 Losses in Board membership

4:30 Adjournment

Proposed Board Subcommittees

I. On approaches to interracial understanding through what teachers teach in the schools

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Mr. E. A. McDowell
*Mr. Alonzo G. Moron (B)
Mr. N. C. Newbold
*Mr. Harry V. Richardson (A)
Mr. Philip Shulhafer
Mr. Harold Trigg
Mr. Forrester B. Washington
Mr. R. D. Wellons
Mrs. Cohen

II. On preparedness for stress - Local Interracial Committees

Mr. A. D. Beittel
*Mrs. James S. Crate (B)
Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Mr. John Long
*Rabbi Charles Mantinband (A)
Mr. L. D. Milton
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
Wilke
Hawpith
Fogleman

III. On organization, finance, and publications

Mr. Morris Abram
Mr. James M. Dabbs
Mr. Charles Gilman
Mr. Leonard Haas
*Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton (B)
Miss Cassandra Maxwell (Mrs. J.H. Birnie)
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Mr. G. D. Rogers
*Mr. Marion A. Wright (A)

* These persons will be expected to serve as resource people for Discussion Groups (as marked) at tomorrow's membership meeting.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

INCOME:		
Contributions (See Exhibit "A")	26,495.78	
Membership Dues	3,791.30	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	1,014.73	
Honoraria	618.75	
New South Subscriptions	423.44	
TOTAL INCOME		32,304.00
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	18,235.16	
Fund Raising Fee	6,000.00	
Travel	2,548.48	
Printing - New South & Misc. Lit.	1,712.65	
Office Supplies	1,174.93	
Rent	1,157.00	
Postage	1,035.30	
Telephone & Telegraph	672.89	
Press Clippings	183.00	
Audit	135.00	
Interest	75.50	
Books & Magazine Subscriptions	67.20	
Meetings and Luncheons	15.81	
Miscellaneous	14.50	
Bank Charges	9.70	
Insurance	9.00	
Special Services	5.00	
Returned Checks	2.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		33,053.32
INCREASE OF DEFICIT		$ 749.32-

Exhibit "A"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
JANUARY 1, 1950 to OCTOBER 31, 1950

CHURCH SOURCES:			
Methodist:			
Division of Home Missions	750.00		
Women's Div. of Christian Service, Bd. of Missions	1,000.00		
Board of Education	200.00		
Women's Society of Christian Service:			
Kentucky	25.00		
Mississippi	25.00		
Memphis	25.00		
Tennessee	40.00		
Alabama	10.00		
North Carolina	25.00	2,100.00	
Catholic Sources:			
Catholic Missionary Union	1,000.00		
The Cardinal-Archbishop of Chicago	1,000.00		
Cath. Committee of South	125.00	2,125.00	
American Friends Service Comm.		1,000.00	
Episcopal:			
Women's Auxiliary, Natl. Council, Diocese of Fla,		15.00	
TOTAL CHURCH SOURCES			5,240.00
FOUNDATIONS:			
Phelps-Stokes Fund		1,000.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund		300.00	
Marshall Field Foundation		2,500.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation		250.00	
William C. Whitney Foundation		1,000.00	
TOTAL FOUNDATIONS			5,050.00
OTHER SOURCES:			
Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney		2,000.00	
Anonymous Manufacturer		1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America-CIO		1,000.00	
Textile Workers Union of America-CIO		500.00	
U.A.W.-CIO		500.00	
South Carolina State Division		15.00	
General Contributions		2,350.06	7,365.06

(Continued)

Exhibit "A"

Schedule of Contributions Continued

STATE EFFORTS:		
Georgia	3,422.50 1/	
South Carolina	1,255.88 3/	
Tennessee	828.00	
Virginia	732.00	
Alabama	536.84	
Texas	495.00	
Louisiana	469.00 2/	
North Carolina	401.00	
Kentucky	285.50	
Mississippi	259.00	
Florida	156.00	8,840.72
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		26,495.78

1/ includes Abram-Haas Atlanta Emergency Appeal - $1,520.00
2/ includes $300.00 Edgar Stern Family Fund
3/ includes $174.00 South Carolina dues returned to complete pledge

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STATE PLEDGES

	Pledged	Paid
ALABAMA	500.00	536.84
FLORIDA	—	156.00
GEORGIA	2,350.00	3,422.50
KENTUCKY	1,000.00	285.50
LOUISIANA	500.00	469.00
MISSISSIPPI	2,000.00	259.00
NORTH CAROLINA	2,000.00	401.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,250.00	1,255.88
TENNESSEE	1,000.00	828.00
TEXAS	500.00	495.00
VIRGINIA	800.00	732.00
TOTALS	11,900.00	8,840.72

Exhibit "B"

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULE OF LIABILITIES
OCTOBER 31, 1950

Thomas F. Byrd		6,000.00
Dr. George S. Mitchell, Loan and Interest		1,575.00
Stein Printing Co.		557.95
State Divisions:		
Alabama	18.00	
Arkansas	1.50	
Florida	7.50	
Kentucky	6.50	
Mississippi	16.50	
North Carolina	18.50	
South Carolina	2.50	
Tennessee	9.00	80.00
Salaries:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	312.50	
Mrs. Norma Huff	116.66	429.16
Withholding Taxes		191.10
Travel:		
Dr. George S. Mitchell	37.11	
W. W. Alexander	67.00	104.11
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.		49.16
Gershon Printing Co.		42.00
Clipping Service		28.30
Columbia Ribbon & Carbon Co.		25.65
Dictating Machine Co.		11.88
Milton Jones Co.		9.50
Ivan-Allan-Marshall Co.		6.50
F. G. Bernal Co.		5.20
Elliott's Addressing Machine Co.		3.27
Office Supply Co.		2.25
TOTAL		$ 9,121.03

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries		18,592.70
Printing - New South & Misc. Literature		3,344.12
Travel		3,229.20
Withholding Taxes		2,481.87
Home Town Self Survey		2,439.08
State Divisions:		
Alabama	157.00	
Arkansas	49.50	
Florida	227.50	
Kentucky	95.00	
Mississippi	156.00	
New Orleans Commission on Interracial Cooperation	137.00	
North Carolina	343.50	
South Carolina	25.00	
Tennessee	131.25	1,321,75
Office Supplies		1,222.46
Rent		1,157.00
Postage		1,063.08
Telephone & Telegraph		675.82
Fellowship of the Concerned		387.37
Loan Payable - Dr. George S. Mitchell		200.00
Press Clippings		190.70
Meetings and Luncheons		159.81
Note - Citizens Trust Company		150.00
Audit		135.00
Books and Magazine Subscriptions		67.20
Returned Checks		10.50
Cash Shortage		10.00
Bank Charges & Exchange		9.70
Insurance		9.00
Miscellaneous Literature Refunds		6.00
Special Services		5.00
Repairs		3.50
Corporate Registration Fee		1.00
Interest Expense		.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		36,872.36
BALANCE IN BANKS		1,331.09
TOTAL		$ 38,203.45

Post-Membership Meeting 1950

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 8, 1950, 4:30-5:00

A G E N D A

4:30 Convene

4:35 Report of Committee on Nominations to Membership on the Executive Committee, and on officers of the Council

4:45 Elections

4:55 Other business

5:00 Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

~~December~~ November 8, 1950. 4:25 P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met in the Lounge of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Y.W.C.A., 599 Tatnall Street, S.W., Atlanta, Ga., on ~~December~~ November 8, 1950. The following members were present:

Mrs. James S. Crate	N. C. Newbold
A. W. Dent	Glenn W. Rainey
John A. Griffin	C. Emerson Smith
Gordon B. Hancock	Forrester Washington
D. Swan Haworth	R. D. Wellons
Guy B. Johnson	Paul D. Williams
Benjamin E. Mays	Marion A. Wright

Staff members present were: Harold C. Fleming, Mrs. Harold C. Fleming, Mrs. Norma Huff, Mrs. Bertha Johnson, George S. Mitchell, Elizabeth Rogers, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

The meeting came to order at 4:25 P.M.

Dr. Mitchell opened the meeting by presenting the question of vacancies on the Board of Directors. There are eight persons who this year complete their second term of office and therefore are not eligible for re-election until after a break.[1] The terms of six additional persons expire this year, but they are eligible for re-election.[2] There are four other vacancies; one of these was created by resignation, two by death, and one by election of one person in 1949 who did not accept.[3] This is a total of 18 vacancies. Because of the reorganization plan, it would seem reasonable not to

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[1] R. B. Atwood; William E. Cole; Archbishop Gerald P. O'Hara; David D. Jones; Raymond R. Paty; Philip E. Shulhafer; Goodrich C. White; Josephine Wilkins.

[2] Felton G. Clark; Emily Clay; Donald M. Comer; D. V. Jemison; Edgar W. Ray; Charles M. Smith.

[3] Mrs. Jessie D. Ames resigned. Luther P. Jackson and Louis I. Jaffe died. The nominee who did not accept was E. L. Abercrombie, elected to the Class of 1953.

fill all the vacancies, but only those created by resignation or death.

The Nominating Committee had duly prepared a long list of persons suitable for membership on the Board. Of those on the list, preference might well be given to three or four whose membership could be particularly helpful to the Council. These were:

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. Lewis Strauss
Mr. Arthur W. Mitchell
Mr. Webster Rhoads

Upon motion, duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that these persons be elected to membership on the Board, it being understood that Mr. Webster Rhoads was elected as an alternate in case one of the others refused to accept.

Upon motion, duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the present slate of officers of the Council be re-elected, as follows:

President: Paul D. Williams
First Vice President: John H. Wheeler
Second Vice President: Guy B. Johnson
Third Vice President: Carter Wesley
Fourth Vice President: Harold L. Trigg

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee of the Board on Nominations to the Executive Committee, recommended election to the Executive Committee of the following persons:

Rufus E. Clement
Paul D. Christopher
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Charles S. Johnson
Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Marion A. Wright

Upon motion, duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the nominations be accepted.

Upon motion, duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams be empowered to appoint a committee to study the proposal made by Forrester Washington in the annual meeting earlier.

Mr. Hancock suggested that the Durham Statement be studied, revised, and amended. Mr. Williams agreed that that Statement would be drawn upon by the committee. Mr. Washington stated that, as maker of the original motion, he would agree to that.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Norma Huff
Secretary-Treasurer

MEMOS GIVEN TO GSM 2/3/49

SRC - Executive Committee
Minutes & Agenda

MEMORANDUM: ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(From SRC Board Meeting November 11, 1948)

1. Mrs. Spearman's suggestion about regional committees (p. 13 and 16) of notes)

2. Dr. Washington's suggestion about labor contacts (p. 14)

3. Recommendations from the Nominating Committee (p. 15)

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FOLLOW-UP OF SRC BOARD MEETING 11/11/48

(FUND-Raising)

NORTH CAROLINA FUND-RAISING:

p. 4 Dr. Newbold's suggestion about approaching persons at Cannon Mills.

FLORIDA FUND-RAISING:

p. 4 Mr. Daniel's suggestion about approaching Mrs. Dupont

MISSISSIPPI FUND-RAISING:

p. 13 Mrs. Ratliff and Mr. Schaeffer promised to send in names of Mississippi people of means.

VIRGINIA FUND-RAISING:

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SRC Exec Com.
Minutes + Agenda

THESE LETTERS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 16 were sent out with better looking copies of the minutes on March 30.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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March 30, 1949

Here are the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Council for its meeting March 16.

Particular attention is called to the action looking toward replacement at the annual Board meeting of any members of the Executive Committee who were absent from all meetings of the Executive Committee during the twelve months interval between membership meetings.

The Committee values greatly its every member, but felt that this rule was necessary in order that the Executive Committee might fully meet its responsibilities.

May I express my own hope, and that of the Committee, that in the meetings now set for mid-June and early September, 1949, you will find it possible to be present.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

March 16, 1949

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met on March 16, 1949, in the Atlanta offices of the Council. President Paul Williams called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. Dr. Gordon Hancock led in prayer. The roll call by the secretary-treasurer revealed the following members present:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement	Msgr. T. James McNamara
Mr. Leonard Haas	Dr. George S. Mitchell
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Dr. Guy B. Johnson	Mr. Paul D. Williams

Members not able to attend the meeting were:

Mr. Charles Gillman	Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Dr. Charles S. Johnson	Mr. Carter Wesley

Mr. John H. Wheeler

Staff members present were: Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Mrs. Henry Havens, Field Secretaries of the Council, Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Director of Information, and Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Haas and seconded by Dr. Hancock,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

STAFF REPORTS

General Report-- Dr. Mitchell

The executive director reported briefly on the period since the membership meeting, describing mainly the series of state fund-raising meetings in North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama and Florida. A South Carolina meeting will occur late this month, he reported, and he expected that meetings of this kind would be held altogether in a total of ten of the southern states. Eleven persons have paid or pledged a sum of $250 in meeting Dr. Odum's conditional offer.

Mr. Clement and others made useful suggestions about money-raising contacts.

In reporting membership, the secretary-treasurer circulated a chart showing membership increases from 1944 (800 members) to February, 1949 (3,045 members).

Under finances, she exhibited the audit report for 1948 and provided a financial statement as of March 15, showing total receipts, January 1 through March 15, 1949, at $22,806.09, and total disbursements for the same period as $18,500.93. Of this latter figure for disbursements, a total of $7,652.02 was shown to have been paid in 1949 in meeting the deficit incurred in 1948, giving a net disbursement for the account of true 1949 expenses of $10,848.91.

The Council's current salary scale was submitted, and the budget for 1949, as approved at the membership meeting, November, 1948 was again set out.

A list of pledges and contributions in the interval since the membership meeting was also circulated to members of the Committee.

The Committee noted with appreciation the contribution of $500 from the Marion R. Ascoli Fund toward matching a contingent allocation from an anonymous Southern foundation donor of $3,000 for the home town self-survey project. They were especially appreciative of the donations of more than $2500 which had been secured from Catholic sources through the efforts of Mr. Paul Williams.

Other possibilities for substantial gifts were explored. Discussion followed as to the possibility of engaging professional fund-raising services looking toward a sustaining fund for the Council. Upon motion,

2. IT WAS VOTED "that the Executive Director be asked to explore the possibilities of obtaining professional fund-raising assistance, and be given discretionary power to enter into such a contractual arrangement."

The Executive Committee was apprised of arrangements made for approval of the minutes of the 1948 membership meeting by a committee (selected by the staff) consisting of:

Dr. J. Max Bond
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Miss Rosalind Rieman

Publications

Under publications, Mr. Harold Fleming, director of information, supplied the committee with the more recent publications of the Council and described the circulation achieved. Mr. Hancock requested figures on the total circulation which, though not for the moment available, were promised. (As supplied later to Mr. Hancock: the Council estimates that it distributed about 76,000 paid-for pieces of literature in 1948. Of these, some 46,000 went to members and subscribers, in the form of New South and special pamphlets. The remaining 30,000 were sold, and brought in $2395.00. In addition, some thousands of pieces of free literature were distributed).

Mention was made that the Council expects by March 25 a draft of the pamphlet on race in the news and, by the late spring, a draft of the pamphlet on farm tenure. The Executive Director reviewed plans for a pamphlet on fair employment practices and a pamphlet or article on the effect of law upon custom. Suggestions as to these two forthcoming publications were made by Mr. Clement, Monsignor McNamara, Mr. Hancock, and others.

Field Reports.

Mrs. Tilly gave a stirring review of her work on behalf of civil rights and told of many instances in which it had been possible to interest church and other

groups in the field of civil rights generally, as well as in the other programs of the Council. She mentioned plans now under way for the Council to sponsor jointly with other groups a Southwide meeting on human rights and world order, with particular reference to the South's duty in this regard. The meeting is tentatively planned for the late spring.

Mrs. Havens described her recent trip in Tennessee, reaching Chattanooga, Knoxville, Murfreesboro, Oak Ridge, and other towns, and reported on the progress of the Tennessee Division. She described briefly the work under way in Florida, and efforts being made to obtain wider formal linkage with and support from church groups.

Both Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Tilly pointed to the opportunity for further cultivation of the Council's program among young people. It was agreed that the Council should do more in this direction, and that it would be particularly helpful if a full-time staff person could be afforded for work of this kind.

Business Deriving From Previous Meetings

The director was asked to query Mrs. Alice Spearman for further detail on her proposal that the Council establish regional committees for working with church women and others.

Mr. Paul Williams told of the committee of three that he had appointed to help with the new promotional pamphlet of the Council. They are Miss Wilkins, Dr. Gordon Hancock, and Dr. Guy Johnson.

The Executive Committee discussed Dr. Forrester Washington's suggestion that we link outselves more closely to labor groups. It was agreed that this was desirable, and that a positive program should be worked out to accomplish it.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations of Dr. Forrester Washington, chairman of the nominating committee of the Board to nominate members of the Executive Committee, as made at the November 11 meeting of the Board. Upon motion of Dr. Hancock, seconded by Dr. Clement,

3. IT WAS VOTED that in order to assist a closer relationship by this nominating committee with the personnel and work of the Executive Committee, the following steps should be taken:

   1. Minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee should be supplied to members of the nominating committee.

   2. A review of the attendance record of members of the Executive Committee should be supplied to members of the nominating committee, and the Executive Committee should now formally recommend to the nominating committee that members of the Executive Committee who are absent from all meetings of the Executive Committee in the interval between annual meetings shall be dropped.

   3. Biographical information about members of the Executive Committee should be so supplied.

LUNCHEON INTERVAL

Rotation in Location of Annual Meeting

After discussion of the proposal of Mr. David Scull of Virginia for rotating the annual meetings over the South, it was agreed by motion that "we go on record as favoring holding the annual meetings over the South; that we ask the director to explore the possibility of host cities this fall, and that discretionary powers be left in his hands."

Priority of Publications

As the last meeting of the Board had left to the Executive Committee the duty of deciding on priority of publications for 1949, the Committee approved the tentative plan of the Director to get out at an early date the publication on race in the news and, as soon as available, the material on fair employment practices, and the influence of legislation upon conduct, and when the manuscript on land tenure comes in, that it be issued. The Committee then expressed itself strongly in favor of having the Council take advantage of the fact that it now has a rounded offering of printed material about the South, by concentrating effort on getting greatly increased sales of the existing stocks of pamphlet material.

Miss Wilkins emphasized the desirability of a series of brief, attractive advertising circulars about the available pamphlets.

Amendment of the By-laws

The Executive Committee approved language supplied by the staff accomplishing in detail amendment of the by-laws pursuant to the action of the membership meeting of November 10, 1948. The language thus inserted was as follows:

ARTICLE IV, Section 1. Election and Powers..... ....."Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council shall be ex--officio members of the Board of Directors."

Amended to read:

Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council, and chairmen of affiliated State interracial committees and/or statewide interracial committees working closely with the Council, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

In discussion of this amendment, the General Counsel, Mr. Haas, gave it as his opinion that the by-laws of the Council give ex-officio members of the Board both voice and vote.

Board membership

The Executive Director informed the Committee of his action in withholding notification to one of the Board members dropped by action of the membership meeting

of November 10, 1948 (Dr. Ira DeA. Reid) on the ground of non-residence. The Executive Director pointed to other instances of Board members no longer physically resident in the region, as to whose continued membership on the Board no question had been raised, and pointed also to several past instances in which persons removing from the Council area had resigned. In this confusion of precedent, the Executive Director had withheld notice from Dr. Reid. Upon motion by Mr. Hancock,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee recommend to the Board for decision of the next annual meeting of the Council, amendment of the by-laws to read that "all members of the Board of Directors should reside in the Southern states."

The Committee of intent did not undertake to define exactly what would constitute residence in the Council area.

The Executive Director disclosed the considerations which had led him to withhold for the time being invitation to Judge J. Waties Waring to become a member of the Board. The Committee directed that the invitation be now issued.

Nominating Committees

Inasmuch as the last meeting of the Board had placed upon the Executive Committee the responsibility of naming two nominating committees, on the motion of Dr. Hancock, seconded by Mr. Haas,

5. IT WAS VOTED that the following slate be appointed:

1. Nominating Committee of the Board, for Replacements on the Executive Committee:
   - Dr. Forrester Washington, Chairman
   - Mr. John Griffin
   - Miss Florence Sytz
   - Dr. Luther Jackson
   - Mrs. Alice Spearman

2. Nominating Committee of the Membership, for Replacement on the Board of Directors:
   - Mrs. Hortense Young, Chairman
   - Mrs. Ruby Lyells
   - Mr. Cyrus Johnson
   - Mrs. C. B. Smith
   - Dr. E. B. Perry, FELLOW

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Committee Meetings

On the recommendation of the staff, the Committee resolved to resume quarterly meetings. This will make the remaining 1949 meetings come in June and September.

On motion,

6. IT WAS VOTED to empower the staff to charge expenses thus far incurred specifically for the home town survey, against the $500 appropriation from the Marion R. Ascoli Fund, which was given for that purpose.

After discussion, and with the advice of the General Counsel, it was decided that the charter of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which expires July 1, 1949, need not be renewed, inasmuch as the Commission owns no property, and the Council is its full and lawful successor.

The Committee was shown correspondence from the publisher of a defunct magazine called The New South, expressing his approval of the aims of the Southern Regional Council, but notifying us that his firm held the copyright on the name of our magazine, and stating that he might at a later date wish to revive his own use of his title.

Upon motion,

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee authorize the staff to take appropriate steps with the Federal Government to protect the Southern Regional Council's interest in the name New South.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

SRC Exec. Comm.

NOTES ON DR. MAYS' SUGGESTED PAMPHLET (from Executive Committee Meeting, March 16, 1949)

Dr. Clement: As I understood it, it was the place of law in directing, rather than controlling, customs and morals of a nation. To simplify it, it is a question of whether or not you can reach a desirable goal by educating people first or by passing laws. There would be examples of both approaches; perhaps both should be presented.

Msgr. McNamara: The term "morality" is unfortunate. The legislator does not legislate morality...I think in terms of penal legislation.

Dr. Hancock: Could it be "the function of law in determining behavior"?

(In the discussion of possible authors):

Mrs. Tilly: Morris Ernst might not have the southern scene, but he would do a good job.

Mr. Haas: I was going to suggest that.

Guy Johnson: Mentioned Hugo Black, Morris Abrams

cc: HCF

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
March 16, 1949

Invocation
Roll Call
Minutes of last meeting
Staff Reports:

General Report - Dr. Mitchell
Membership and Financial Reports - Mrs. McKoy

a. Membership
b. Finance:
- Audit for 1948
- Financial statement as of February 28th
- Salary Scales - Dec. 31, and Jan.1.
- Budget for rest of 1949
- (Pledges) (Contributions) - November 11th to date

c. Provisions for approval of minutes of Annual Meeting.

Publications - Mr. Fleming
Field Reports- Mrs. Tilly
- Mrs. Havens

Business deriving from previous meetings:

a. Mrs. Spearman's request that the Committeconsider her suggestion of regional committees as an instrument for working with church women and others to get action on SRC objectives.

b. Dr. Forrester Washington's suggestion for working more closely with labor groups.

c. Request that Executive Committee consider and set up duties of the nominating committee of the Board for bringing in nominations for the Executive Committee.

d. Mrs. Havens' suggestion for a Southern Foundation.

e. Proposal of member, Mr. David Scull of Va., that annual meetings be rotated among the larger cities of the South.

f. Suggestion of Paul Williams that priority among publications for 1949 be left in hands of Executive Committee.

g. By-laws amendment, to open ex-officio Board membership to Affiliated C. I. C. heads, etc.

New Business:

Questions on Board Membership:

a. Ruling as to whether Board Member who moves out of the region is to remain on the Board, or whether he is thereby automatically disqualified for such membership.
- Examples - Homer Rainey
Clark Foreman
Rabbi Brav
Ira Reid

b. Nomination of Judge J. Waties Waring to the Board.

c. Rabbi Mantinband - recommendation as a replacement for Stanley Brav?

d. Mark Etheridge --- Not available as Board Member.

New Business (Continued):

Selection of standing nominating committees:

a. Of the Board, for the Executive Committee:

Suggestions - Forrester Washington, Chairman
- John Griffin
- Florence Sytz
- Luther Jackson
- Alice Spearman

b. Of the membership, for the Board of Directors:

Suggestions - Mrs. Lyells (Miss)
- Rev. Vincent J. O'Connor (La)
- Cy Johnson (N.C.)
- C. Emerson Smith (Va) Now Board member
- Mrs. C. B. Smith (Tenn)
- Mrs. Hortense Young (Ky)
- Dr. E. B. Perry, Fellow (Texas)

Number of meetings per year for the Executive Committee

Authorization of Executive Committee for Staff to apply expenses already incurred for Home-Town Self Survey against the $500 of Mrs. Ascoli, encumbered for this purpose.

Charter for old Commission on Interracial Cooperation expires on July 1, 1949------Renewal------?

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

June 8, 1949

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met in the offices of the Council at ten o'clock on the morning of June 8, 1949. The following members were present:

Mr. Leonard Haas	Mr. Carter Wesley
Dr. Charles Johnson	Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Dr. Guy Johnson	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Dr. George Mitchell	Mr. Paul Williams

Also in attendance were Mrs. Agnes McKoy, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Harold Fleming, director of information; and Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Henry Havens, field secretaries.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Guy Johnson. Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman, presided:

The Minutes of the last meeting, as sent out by mail, were approved.

Miss Wilkins and others expressed the view that a provision should be made by the Board to enable members of the Executive Committee, unable to attend a particular meeting of the Executive Committee, to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. The staff agreed to submit proposals for the consideration of the Board and/or the annual meeting which would accomplish this.

Dr. Mitchell reported briefly on events since the last meeting. The affiliation of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations with the Council was described and hope was expressed that a Louisiana Division could be organized during the remainder of the year. He spoke of the growing usefulness of New South and its increasing power to get news and editorial comment. The growing clerical burden of the Council's office was also mentioned.

Mr. Wesley pointed out the opportunity for further increase in Council membership and activity in the Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana-Arkansas area. He suggested that at some date in the fall a meeting be held in that area for persons

drawn from the four states, and offered to provide a list of suitable individuals to be invited. Dallas was suggested as an appropriate place for such a meeting. Mrs. Havens spoke of the fact that she would be traveling to California and returning in mid-October and could break the return journey in order to assist with a meeting of that kind.

Dr. Mitchell reviewed the fund-raising efforts.

Mrs. McKoy, secretary-treasurer, then reviewed the financial position of the Council. Her report showed expenditures thus far in the calendar year to have exceeded pro rata budget estimates by approximately $1,700. In balancing funds on hand plus income certain for the remainder of the year, it was shown that the Council is threatened with a shortfall in funds of approximately $20,000 for the year 1949. Included in this sum are cumulative deficits for the year 1946 through 1948 which must be absorbed each year. Mr. Williams, Dr. Mitchell, and others expressed the hope that money raising plans would materialize sufficiently to enable the greater part of all of this over-all deficit to be met.

Dr. Mitchell also reported on the status of his arrangements with Mr. Thomas F. Byrd. Mr. Byrd is agreeable to undertaking a major fund-raising campaign for the Council, beginning early in September and running a maximum of seven months. He would be engaged on a monthly salary plus expenses. If, after three or four months, he is of the opinion that the campaign would not have outstanding success, the arrangement would be terminated at that stage. Dr. Charles Johnson and other members of the Committee expressed the view that the money should be sought, not as endowment, but with the intent of spending it entirely in the course of a ten-year period.

In discussing ways of expanding the community self-survey project, Mr. Wheeler suggested that it might be possible to get city councils to sponsor such

surveys and to assist with local funds. He undertook to explore this possibility in Durham.

After the luncheon interval, members of the Committee present severally pledged themselves to raise or be responsible for payment to the Council of the sums stated below:

Paul Williams	$1,500
Leonard Haas	500
Carter Wesley	500
Guy Johnson	500
Charles Johnson	200
*Josephine Wilkins	200
J. H. Wheeler	500

Upon motion, the Committee authorized the Executive Director to borrow such sums as may be needed, not to exceed $5,000, and for such time as may be necessary. The Committee intended that in the event a sum is borrowed, the security offered would be letters from the several members present indicating their responsibility for the sums mentioned above. It was indicated that the period contemplated for the loan was from mid-summer to September 30.

Discussion showed that the prospective loan was authorized, and was not ordered, it being the intent of the Executive Committee not to borrow in the event that pending money-raising activities were successful and the Council were in funds without the assistance of a loan. At the same time, the hope was expressed that members pledging sums would, in any case, raise or provide the sums for which responsibility was assumed.

The letter of the Executive Committee to Governors of the Southern States concerning appointments of Negroes to policy-making Boards was discussed briefly and the previous approval of all members of the Executive Committee noted.

Mr. Fleming exhibited to the Committee samples of recent favorable news-

*In Miss Wilkins' case, the liability was definitely contingent upon inability of the Council to meet its prospective note without payment from her.

paper and magazine comment on the Council's activities.

Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Tilley described plans for the Southwide meeting of church women to be sponsored by the Council and other organizations, to take place in Atlanta September 8 and 9. The Council is holding a reserve fund toward the expenses of this meeting.

Members of the Executive Committee were asked to have in mind the need for wise replacements to the probable eight or nine vacancies of the Board, beginning in November.

Mrs. Havens announced that she will have opportunity to describe the Council's work to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held in San Francisco the last of September.

The Committee agreed upon August 31, 1949, as the date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

August 31, 1949

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met August 31 at ten a.m. with Mr. Paul Williams in the chair. After an invocation by Dr. Gordon Hancock, a roll call showed the following members present:

Mr. Charles Gillman
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Gordon Hancock
Monsignor McNamara
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul Williams

Also in attendance were Mrs. Agnes McKoy, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Harold Fleming, director of information; and Mrs. M. E. Tilly, field secretary.

Since copies of Minutes of the last meeting had been sent out by mail, it was agreed to dispense with the reading of these.

Dr. Mitchell reported an active summer of travel and speech making on behalf of the Council, increasing activity of the office in servicing newspaper people and journalists, various efforts made to raise funds, and consideration given by staff members to increasing tension over issues of segregation.

Mr. Fleming reported on recent numbers of New South, our various services to the press, and exhibited proofs of the forthcoming pamphlet Race in the News.

Mr. John Harmon, who had been employed during the summer months to assist with the planning project, showed the Committee several of the maps on which he had been at work.

It being brought to the attention of the Committee that, through oversight at the time of the last annual meeting no resolutions committee had been appointed, the Committee undertook to recommend to the Board and to the membership meeting Mr. Marion Wright (as Chairman) Mrs. Grace Hamilton and Miss Josephine Wilkins as a resolutions committee.

An agenda for the coming annual meeting was discussed and accepted.

The Executive Director raised the question of ommission in the by-laws of any specific rule as to whether persons resident outside the South could serve on the Board. Upon motion, the Committee voted to recommend amendment to the by-laws by which Section 1, Article 4 should be changed from "The business and property of the corporation except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration." to read, "The business and property of the corporation except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, all members of which shall beactually residing within the Council area, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration."

Dr. Mitchell laid before the Committee, as information, a letter of resignation from the Council, received from Mr. Aubrey Williams, a member of the Board, which based his withdrawal on the feeling that the Council does not go far enough, and stating that any failure to take a position on segregation is to condone a major evil under which all these other problems grow. Members of the Committee suggested that the minutes be searched to determine whether the Council had ever formally adopted the language of the Durham Statement, and that Mr. Williams be written to with a reminder of the language of the Durham Statement and mention of the important place it has held as a policy document for the Council.

Consideration was given to the possibility of holding the 1949 Annual Meeting elsewhere than in Atlanta, but it was agreed that in the present financial weakness of the Council, this would be an unwise year in which to venture elsewhere. It was the predominant view of the Committee that the Annual Meeting should, as soon as is practicable, be held in a city in the upper South or in the Southwest.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having an occasion with a featured speaker during the open evening after the membership meeting, but concluded that for this year, in view of the meeting of that kind arranged for September 8, 1949, it would not be attempted in November.

The Council reviewed the arrangements made at its meeting March 16, 1949 for providing vacancies on the Executive Committee and concluded that the rule then given, of an automatic vacancy in the case of persons who failed to be present at all during a year at meetings of the Committee, would work a hardship on the Nominating Committee, in that the Nominating Committee could not know of a vacancy or vacancies until after the meeting of the Executive Committee on the day of the membership meeting. In the course of the discussion it was suggested that the general counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas, should, in all logic, be made an ex-officio member of the Committee, so that his advice could be immediately available, and he would not be lost to the Committee through rotation in his Board membership. Upon motion it was agreed that the Committee would request of the Board that this change be made.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the meetings planned for September 8 and 9, in which a southwide gathering of church women would be encouraged to work locally for better law enforcement.

The Afternoon session was given to finances. The following reports were laid before the members:

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 1949 to August 29, 1949

Income: 1/

Julius Rosenwald Fund	$15,000.00
Edgar Stern Family Fund	500.00
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500.00 2/
Phelps Stokes Fund	250.00
Ashby Jones Goodwill Fund	25.00
His eminence Cardinal Stritch	1,000.00
Catholic Missionary Union	1,500.00
Episcopal Church Appropriation	25.00
Methodist Church Appropriation	1,810.00 2/
Anonymous Donor (New York)	2,500.00
Campaign Donations (during 1949)	5,758.50
Sale of Literature	1,479.90
Membership Dues	1,417.75
Sale of Office Equipment	300.00
New South subscriptions	207.20
Honoraria and Royalties	139.12
Interest Earned	75.00
	$32,487.47

1/ Excluded money returned to State Divisions.

2/ For Home Town Self-Survey.

Statement of Income and Expenses

January 1, 1949 to August 29, 1949

Expenditures: 1/

Salaries	$20,697.53
Printing of New South and Pamphlets	3,189.12
Travel	3,185.53
Rent	1,140.00
Postage	970.34
Office Supplies and Repairs	611.86
Telephone and Telegraph	439.64
Advisory Committee Honoraria	430.00
Printing of Stationery, etc.	306.58
Office Equipment	200.00
Books and Subscriptions	191.00
Audit	125.00
Press Clippings	108.00
Miscellaneous	55.69
Insurance	41.44
Interest	20.00
Payments (in full) on 1948 Bills	2,156.72
Total Expenditures	$33,868.45

1/Includes accounts payable.

The Executive Director reported that not withstanding formal request for pledge letters to the several members of the Committee who had in the June meeting made pledges to the Council, the following only had returned pledge letters:

Mr. Leonard Haas Miss Josephine Wilkins Mr. Guy Johnson
(Mr. J. H. Wheeler had notified his willingness to send the letter.)

As the staff had not felt that this was sufficient security on which to raise a loan, no effort had been made to borrow. An anonymous gift of $2,500, from a New York donor (used to complete the matching sum of $3,000 need to obtain payment to the Council of $3,000 from an anonymous Southern foundation) plus earlier payment of a thousand dollars contributed from the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service (ordinarily paid to us in the Spring) had enabled the Council to tide through the summer.

The Executive Director reviewed the situation with regard to Mr. Byrd, who is being asked to work for the Council, beginning in mid-September, on fund-raising. The Executive Director was authorized to reach whatever arrangement might be feasible with Mr. Byrd, it being hoped that the engagement could be made in terms of a monthly salary, payment of which would be deferred for some months, travel expenses to be met currently.

The Committee, after thoroughly canvassing the various possibilities for further fund raising, on motion ordered, "That resources earmarked for home town self-survey for 1950, totalling three thousand dollars be now drawn upon to cover pressing immediate expenses of keeping the Council going.

"That it is declared by the Committee that this amount is a prior responsibility of the Council for fulfilling the project for which it was given or otherwise for return to the donor.

"That unless the sum of four thousand dollars additional money is in hand or in sight on September 20 to cover the expenses of the Council until the date of the Annual Meeting, the Council staff and its operations will, on one month's notice after September 20, be reduced to a skeleton crew.

"That if the funds are available by September 20, such partial reduction will not be entered upon, but the decision be then left to the Annual Membership Meeting in November."

At the suggestion of Dr. Gordon Hancock, the Committee directed that a wire be sent in its name to the National Baptist Convention requesting a donation of five thousand dollars.

Whereafter, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy, Secretary

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNTIL

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

November 8, 1949

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council convened November 8, 1949, at 9:20 A.M., in the Board room of Atlanta University, with the following members present:

Dr. Gordon Hancock
Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dr. George Mitchell
Mr. Paul D. Williams

After the invocation by Dr. Hancock, and action to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the acting chairman, Mr. Williams, read on behalf of the chairman of the Executive Committee the following report to the Board:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE November 8, 1949

The Executive Committee has met four times since the last annual membership meeting. These occasions were March 16, June 8, August 31, 1949, and this morning.

As particular items of business it:

Arranged the preparation of the new promotional pamphlet, "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

Provided a rule under which automatic vacancies in the Executive Committee might be expected to develop.

Discussed but regretfully rejected for this year the desirability of holding annual meetings of the membership in some other city than Atlanta. The Committee has expressed a desire that as soon as possible such meetings be held in the upper South and in the Southwest.

Early in the year limited the Council's publication program, and requested that emphasis be put on selling the existing stock, rather than printing additional pamphlets.

Arranged for production of a brief advertising circular about our existing publications. This has lately been printed, and is available under the title "The Changing South in Print."

Selected standing nominating committees respectively for replacements on the executive committee and replacements on the Board of Directors.

Approved the arrangements under which the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations became a chapter of the Southern Regional Council.

Issued in its own name the policy statement to governors of southern states regarding appointments of Negroes to Boards and Commissions (printed in May-June New South.)

Shaped a proposed amendment to the by-laws making it clear that associate members of the Council (resident outside the South) may not serve as members of the Board.

Needless to say, a very large part of each meeting was given over to finances.

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The Committee supervised the arrangements under which Mr. Thomas F. Byrd was engaged to conduct a fund-raising effort for the Council. The terms are considered favorable and your committee cordially recommends to the Board and to the members the fullest cooperation with Mr. Byrd toward raising in the near future a sustaining fund of a half million dollars for conduct of the Council's work in the coming ten years.

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Executive Committee

The executive director read to the Committee the by-law amendments which had been proposed in the course of earlier meetings of the Executive Committee. Discussion centered on an amendment to make possible the use of written proxies at meetings of the Executive Committee. It was determined to recommend to the Board that the matter be decided by the membership meeting.

After some review of the Council's fund-raising effort, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes W. E. Key

Secretary

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947-48 OF THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee, in addition to its meeting just before the membership meeting in 1947, met February 25, 1948, and September 15, 1948.

The Executive Committee took the following major actions:

Arranged the appointment of a three-man advisory committee in an effort to replace in part the work of an associate director.

Explored with care the proposal to establish a national advisory committee. Many names were selected, and the committee is prepared to further this move when the finances of the Council appear more stable.

Arranged that the several state divisions and affiliated interracial committees be asked to contribute their ideas for program for the Council for 1949.

Appointed a finance committee composed of Mr. Paul Williams, Dr. Charles Johnson, Mr. J. M. Tydings, Dr. Will W. Alexander, and Mr. John Wheeler.

Explored the question of an honor award and left decision as to selection of persons to be honored at some future date to the Executive Committee.

Reviewed and approved the efforts of the staff to obtain a commitment from the Southern Governors in February for a positive and constructive program of action in the field of civil and human rights.

Approved the development of a manual for community self-surveys.

Approved the preparation of a manual for newspaper offices on "Race in the News."

Approved the preparation of a pamphlet on southern state legislation in the field of farm land leases.

Issued with its approval the September 15 statement on civil rights

called "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy" as its recommendation on the Council's stand with regard to the civil rights program.

Recommended continuance of the present executive director and secretary-treasurer for 1948.

Retained a new auditor.

Recommended to the Board and to the membership an increase in dues to $3.00 a year. Subscription to New South to be $1.50; joint membership $4.00. Half of all memberships from states with state divisions to be returned to those divisions.

Arranged the tentative selection of additional Fellows.

As to two or three directions from the Board, no action was taken:

The Board meeting of November 11, 1947 had ordered that "a committee of the Board be appointed to go into the whole matter of segregation and the type of statement to be made on the cost, injustices, and suggested improvements with the consultation of Dr. Ira Reid; and that the committee estimate the cost of such a publication."

The executive director delayed any recommendation to the Executive Committee on this until he could himself review the mass of material collected earlier and is still delinquent in this matter. It is suggested that the services of the new advisory committee will make possible an early analysis of the material and report to the Executive Committee.

The Board also recommended that a variety of standing committees from the Board and from the membership be appointed to work constantly with the staff on various stages of the program. A careful analysis of the Board membership has been made to this end, but the executive committee has not pressed selection of such standing committees.

The annual meeting of November 12, 1947, had instructed the staff to produce a pamphlet on vocational education in agriculture and industry. No action has thus far been taken on this.

The membership meeting also instructed the Executive Committee to set up a committee to go in person for a hearing with the administrators of the Veterans' Administration and with the President of the United States, on shortcomings of the Veterans' Administration in the matter of the employment of Negro personnel and on enlargement of services to Negro veterans. The executive director from time to time made efforts to obtain sufficient facts to enable a useful presentation, but found it impossible to get them without very expensive travel to all of the southern state capitals and to many offices of the Veterans' Administration. In the absence of funds to do this, the matter was allowed to wait. It may well be that the recent Executive Order attempting to establish fair employment practices within the federal government will have the desired effect on the personnel policies of the Veterans' Administration.

Needless to say, a great part of the time of each meeting of the executive committee was taken up with efforts to raise funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Executive Committee

November 8, 1949

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has met four times since the last annual membership meeting. These occasions were March 16, June 8, August 31, 1949, and this morning.

As particular items of business it:

Arranged the preparation of the new promotional pamphlet, "What Kind of South Do You Want?"

Provided a rule under which automatic vacancies in the Executive Committee might be expected to develop.

Discussed but automatically rejected for this year the desirability of holding annual meetings of the membership in some other city than Atlanta. The Committee has expressed a desire that as soon as possible such meetings be held in the upper South and in the Southwest.

Early in the year limited the Council's publication program, and requested that emphasis be put on selling the existing stock, rather than printing new ones.

Arranged for production of a brief advertising circular about our existing publications. This has lately been printed, and is available under the title "The Changing South in Print."

Selected standing nominating committees respectively for replacements on the executive committee and replacements on the Board of Directors.

Approved the arrangements under which the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations became a chapter of the Southern Regional Council.

Issued in its own name the policy statement to governors of southern states regarding appointments of Negroes to Boards and Commissions (printed in May-June New South).

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December 29, 1947

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Forsyth Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

You may recall that the Board of Directors of the Council, during the course of their meeting of November 12, 1946, delegated to the Executive Committee, with full power to act, the matter of selection of a National Advisory Committee for the Council. You may recall also that a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, headed by Mr. Paul Williams and including Mr. Virginius Dabney, Dr. Gordon Hancock, Dr. Harold Trigg and Mr. Wilson Brown, presented for general information a proposed list of members of this National Advisory Committee at the Annual Meeting on November 12.

Your subcommittee now requests of you, the Executive Committee, authority to approach individuals on the proposed list for the purpose of inviting them to become members of the National Advisory Committee of the Council.

This is a matter which should not wait until the next meeting of the Executive Committee and, therefore, we are taking an individual poll in this way. Please indicate in the space below your approval or disapproval of delegating this authority to your subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes McKoy
BY

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Approve: _____
Disapprove: _____

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The following letter with a postal card enclosed was sent to these people in addition to the ones that the copies are for:

Mr. Paul Williams
Mr. Leonard Haas
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Charles Gillman

January 13, 1948

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. J. McNamara
222 E. Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

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With every good wish for the new year, and trusting you will find it possible to be with us, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Richmond 20, Virginia

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Mr. Carter Wesley
2418 Leeland
Houston, Texas

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Dr. P. B. Young, Sr.
Norfolk Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

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Secretary-Treasurer

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January 14, 1948

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
225 Chestnut Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Attached are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council for November 11, 1947.

An extract of all instructions given by the membership, the Board and the Executive Committee is being made and will be sent you as soon as it is completed.

I am sorry that illness in the office has prevented our getting these out to you sooner.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Above letter sent to Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. C. H. Gillman, Mr. Leonard Haas, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James T. McNamara, Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Mr. Carter Wesley, Miss Josephine Wilkins,, Mr. Paul D. Williams and Dr. P. B. Young (President, four vice-Presidents and Executive Committee of the Council).

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For Additional copy see Highlander Folk School

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

January 20, 1948

Dear Member of the Executive Committee:

A matter has come up on which it might be well to give you advance opportunity to consider.

Highlander Folk School, at the meeting of its governing body (Executive Council) on January 15, asked me to serve as Chairman of the Council. This is of course an unpaid office, making no great demand on the time of its holder, but it does carry a good deal of responsibility for policy.

I have been a contributor to Highlander almost from its beginning, and a member of its Executive Council for three or four years. I like the school, and consider that it is doing fundamental work in aiding the labor movement in the South. I am also greatly interested in its recent and promising efforts to get representative organization going among farmers.

I have also had a long friendship for the Southern School for Workers, at Richmond, and the Georgia Workers Education Service put me on its Executive Committee when it was organized a year or so ago.

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Highlander has had a controversial history. Some of the more conservative labor officials in the South stay away from it rather consistently. The more sensational Tennessee newspapers are accustomed to referring to it as "pinko." Over the years, it has had support from most of the CIO in Tennessee and nearby States, and various of the Railway Brotherhoods have worked with it. I know its officials well, and I am satisfied they are tinged with nothing more than courageous loyalty to the people of the South.

As I am the servant of the Southern Regional Council, it is no more than right that the Council should say whether I should accept this responsibility. It is suggested that in the interval before the meeting of our Executive Committee February 25 you make whatever enquiries will aid your judgment on this matter.

Attached is a list of present members of Highlander's Executive Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Paul Christopher
Tennessee CIO Director
C. W. Dannemburg
United Chemical Workers, CIO
Charles Gillman
Georgia CIO Director
Lucy Randolph Mason
CIO Public Relations Representative
John J. McCoy
Second Vice-President, American Federation of Hosiery Workers
George Mitchell
Director, Southern Regional Council
Thomas Starling
Director, Region 8, United Automobile Workers, CIO
Aubrey Williams
President, Alabama Farmers Union
Charles Wilson
International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO
Lewis Jones
Editor, Informer Newspaper
Alton Lawrence
International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO
Matthew Lynch
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee CIO Council
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Southern Regional Council
Dr. P. A. Stephens
Chattanooga Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
Homer Crabtree
Secretary, Tennessee Farmers Union
Reverend Eugene Smathers
Presbyterian Minister
Tom White
Secretary, Tennessee State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

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Mr. Carter Wesley
Mr. Charles Gillman
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

January 22, 1948

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

In confirmation of tentative arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee, the date has now been set for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., and will be held in the offices of the Council as usual.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us at that time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

January 22, 1948

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

In comfirmation of tentative arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee, the date has now been set for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., and will be held in the offices of the Council as usual.

We are hoping most strongly that an easing of your own schedule will make it possible for you to be with us.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 22, 1948

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

In confirmation of tentative arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee, the date has now been set for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., and will be held in the offices of the Council as usual.

We hope so much that you will find it possible to be with us as it is our feeling here that no meeting is complete without you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 23, 1948

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Mrs. McKoy:

In President Clement's absence, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22 confirming tentative arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee for February 25, at 10:-00 A. M. in the offices of the Council.

Upon Doctor Clement's return to the city, this information will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

Marian H. Turner
Secretary

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This letter has been sent to Mr. Paul D. Williams and Dr. Charles S. Johnson concerning the meeting of the Executive Committee February 25, 1948

January 23, 1948

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

In confirmation of tentative arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee, the date has now been set for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., and will be held in the offices of the Council as usual.

I am sorry that we were unable to hear from you before setting this date, and am hoping most fervently that you will be able to fit it into your calendar and be with us for the meeting.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 29, 1948

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Your most welcome check for ten ($10.00) dollars was in the mail this morning. Please accept our very sincere thanks. Two ($2.00) dollars will, of course, be credited to dues for 1948 with the remainder going to the general budget, where, as I am sure you know, it will help to meet a great need.

With kindest personal regards, and with thanks again, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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January 29, 1948

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Again, thank you so much for the additional check for ten ($10.00) dollars which you have just sent in, I am sure that if all our members labored for the Council as untiringly as you do, we would never have a deficit.

It was good to have your acceptance for the meeting of the Executive Committee and we are all looking forward to seeing you.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

In answer to yours of January 22, I shall try to make the meeting there on February 25. Unfortunately, I have my annual Stockholders Meeting here on February 24. Maybe I will be lucky enough again this time to leave the meeting and catch a plane for Atlanta. Anyway, I'll try.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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March 8, 1948

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, President
Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

It was good to see you at the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday last. We here look forward to these meetings, since they bring you and others to town whom we would not see as often as we would like. I am attaching a travel voucher to cover your expenses to the meeting and will send check as soon as you can return it to us.

With kindest good wishes and with regards from the entire staff, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 8, 1948

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 E. Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monsignor McNamara:

It was a great pleasure as always to have you with us on Wednesday last. We here really look forward to these meetings of the Executive Committee, since they bring you and others to town whom we would not often see.

I am enclosing an expense blank covering your expenses and willlsend our check as soon as you can let us have it back.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 8, 1948

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

At the February 25th meeting of the Executive Committee, the motion was passed that the Chairman, Mr. Paul Williams, and you be authorized to select three persons to serve as consultants to the Council. You remember that the idea was that this arrangement would enable the Council to fill the hole left by the absence of an Associate Executive Director. I believe it was generally understood that this was to be a short-term arrangement until an Associate Executive Director could be engaged. The motion directed that the consultants be compensated at the rate of five hundred dollars each per year.

I suppose it will be acceptable for me to serve preliminarily in Mr. Williams' place to work with you in picking these consultants. The final choice should be agreed between you and Mr. Williams.

I should think they should be people in or within reach of Atlanta. One or two of them should be related to the academic world--correspondingly, one or two could be unrelated.

Would you be good enough to send, either to me or directly to Mr. Williams in Richmond, a short list of persons you think would be suitable?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copies of this letter were sent with the minutes of the February 25, 1948, Executive Committee meeting to the following:

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Carter Wesley
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mr. Charles Gillman
Mr. Lennard Haas
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Monsignor McNamara

June 17, 1948

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

We are trying to set the date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee for Wednesday, September 15. If this is a good date for you, please hold it for us tentatively until it can be cleared with other members of the Committee. Iffit is not a good date, will you let us know, or suggest alternative dates which you would like better?

Attached are minutes for the last meeting which we regret not being able to send you earlier. Our small staff has been taxed to its utmost, especially with the Southwide meeting on Civil Rights and developments which have grown out of it.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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CITIZENS' FACT-FINDING MOVEMENT OF GEORGIA

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818 FORSYTH BUILDING, ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

June 21, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

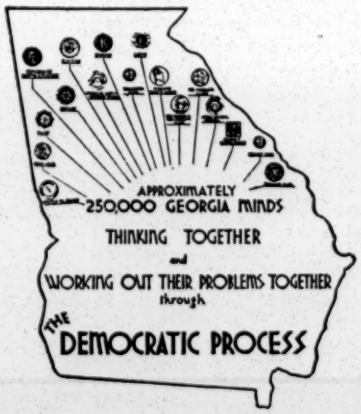
Dear Mrs. McKoy:

In regard to your inquiry about September 15, that day is convenient to me for the meeting of the executive committee.

Thanks for the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine Wilkins
Administrator



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RALEIGH, N. C.

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

June 24, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I have your letter of June 17 concerning the date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

At this time, it seems that any date would be just about as acceptable to me as the other. I shall, therefore, put a red circle around September 15.

With kindest good wishes to you and the staff, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Harold L. Trigg
PRESIDENT

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CHARLES H. GILLMAN
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SHERMAN H. DALRYMPLE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 25, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
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Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

This is to advise you that September 15th is an agreeable date with me for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Please advise me if another date is set for this meeting.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

C H Gillman

C. H. GILLMAN
STATE DIRECTOR

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June 24, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Thank you for your letter of June 17 concerning the setting of a date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the SRC. I believe September 15 will be quite satisfactory with me.

Thanks also for the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of February 25. I shall look them over and refresh my memory concerning what was done at that meeting.

With best wishes to you and all of the staff,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

Guy B. Johnson
Research Professor

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July 1, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

It now appears that Wednesday, September 15, will be a satisfactory date for an Executive Committee meeting. I expect to be in Atlanta on that date.

I shall await confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

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Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
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Savannah, Georgia

July 2, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, - 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I have just returned to my desk after an absence of approximately four weeks and find your letter of June 17. I am quite confident that I will be able to attend the Executive Committee Meeting, scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, September 15.

It is encouraging to know that the Southwide meeting on Civil Rights did not resolve itself into an isolated event.

With greetings to you and members of the Staff, I remain,

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

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July 8, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council, and notice of the Executive Committee meeting to be held September 15th. This date has been entered on my calendar and I will make every effort to be present.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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My dear Mrs Mekz:

Expect me Sept 15th or whenever you wish!

Gordon B Hancock

July 24 1948

Hope we can keep our head above financial waters

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SRC Executive Ctee — Correspondence

July 8, 1948

Mr. P. B. Young
The Norfolk Journal and Guide
711-723 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

We are exceedingly sorry to know of your resignation; it will indeed be a loss to the Council. You did not say in your letter, but I hope you did not mean to include all of your offices.

It will be a matter of regret to me personally that I did not have the opportunity of knowing and working with you. Please accept my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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P. B. YOUNG, PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

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June 25, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McCoy, Secretary-
Treasurer, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McCoy: In response to yours dated June 17th, I am sending my resignation, regretfully, to Mr. Paul Williams, our President, and my suggestions, therefore, concerning the next executive committee meeting date would not be pertinent.

I thank you for a copy of the minutes of the February 25th meeting which you enclosed.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

P. B. YOUNG

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SRC - Exec. Cttee - Correspondence

July 22, 1948

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

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This date has been accepted so far by everyone except Mr. Paul Williams and Mr. Carter Wesley, from whom I have not heard; Mr. P. B. Young, who writes advising that he plans to submit his resignation and will not be present; and yourself.

If the fifteenth is not a good date for you, please let us know what alternative dates you would prefer. We look forward to seeing you as always.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC - Exec. Ctee - Correspondence

July 22, 1948

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3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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If the 15th is not a good date for you, please let us know what alternative dates you would prefer. We look forward to seeing you as always.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

July 30, 1948

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

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We look forward as always to having you here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

July 30, 1948

Mr. C. H. Gillman
75 Ivy Street, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Secretary-Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Secretary-Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 E. Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Monseignor McNamara:

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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July 30, 1948

Dr. Harold L. Trigg
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Trigg:

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We look forward as always to having you here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

July 30, 1948

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Since Wednesday, September 15 has met with such general approval, we are setting that as the date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council.

Although we have not heard from you, and although we realize that Texas is some distance away, we are still hoping it may be possible for you to be with us.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

July 30, 1948

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Forsyth Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SPC - Exec. Ctee - Correspondence

July 30, 1948

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 4, 1948

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In answer to yours of July 30, I did not see the six photostats, which might have gone to the news room direct.

As to your meeting on September 15, I did not answer Mrs. McKoy's letter, because she suggested the 15th and asked for counter-proposals if that was not satisfactory. At this date the 15th is as good for me as any other date, and I shall try to attend.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

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cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 9, 1948.

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Thank you for your letter of July 30. I am planning to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 A. M.

It will be good to see you soon again.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Paul

Paul D. Williams

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September 9, 1948

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I believe I am scheduled in Atlanta for a meeting of the Board Wednesday, September 15. I was reminded yesterday by the Truman leader here that I am expected in Fort Worth, Tuesday, the 14th, to a Democratic Convention. I have not had my secretary see whether I can fly out of Fort Worth and get there in time or not, but I do want to go to Fort Worth because there is one of these historic scraps in our county here for control, and we need everybody we can get in Fort Worth Tuesday. If I can possibly get to Atlanta I'll be there, but if I miss it you will know why.

If I find in time that I am going to miss it, I will try to write you a letter making comment upon the information sent out by Mr. Mitchell under date of September 3.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

/d

cc: Mr. George S. Mitchell

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September 13, 1948

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 23, Virginia

RESERVATION ATLANTAN HOTEL SEPTEMBER 15. ANNUAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 10.

Mrs. Agnes McKoy

SRC - Exec. Ctee - Correspondence

Supplementary Memorandum to the Executive Committee

September 15, 1948

The request to the State Divisions and State Committees for advice on policy and program for 1949 brought little response. Each organization was originally written to April 12, 1948, with a follow-up August 13, 1948. Replies were requested for "early September". Thus far we have had replies from only Four organizations, summarized as follows:

Alabama. The Executive Committee of the Alabama Division approved the topics tentatively suggested by the Council (extension of the franchise, police protection, employment opportunities, and improved educational opportunities) and added welfare services for children. They wished more work done to build membership, and wished New South and occasional pamphlets to be kept up.

North Carolina. The Director wrote August 21 that they were having so much difficulty working out their own program that they had little to offer.

Mississippi. Mr. Schaeffer wrote August 13 "The Council is doing fine work and needs no special change in program or policy. If some provision could be made immediately after the national elections to hold public meetings all over the territory, and present the stand of the Council, and definite statements of position be formulated, it might consolidate opinion and awaken new study and interest on the part of many. Have we decided 'How far the Council is ready to go' and 'How far the people have come'?".

Georgia. Dr. Russell wrote August 16 advising locality meetings to educate people in the worth of the individual, better finances for State Committees, any free literature distributed by the Council to have the label of the State Committee and an accompanying statement, linking the work of the two agencies, the state committees and the Council to work intensively on getting more Negro policemen and more Negro jurymen.

SRC - Advisory Ctee - Correspondence

July 19, 1948

Mr. R. E. Cureton
Box 52
State Teachers College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cureton:

Thank you so very much for your kind letter of July 14.

When Mr. Harold Trigg took up his new job at Saint Augustine's College, that left the Council without an Associate Executive Director. We spent some months trying to find someone whom the Executive Committee might suitably call to the job. Late last Spring the Committee decided that, in view of the shortness of our funds, the Council would do well, for an interim period, to draw together an advisory committee of persons in or near Atlanta, who would meet pretty regularly for an hour or two once a week with the Executive Director and discuss policy and program for the Council.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, invitations to be members of the three-man advisory committee have gone to Mr. Melcon C. Jackson and Dean Nabrit. They have both accepted. The Executive Committee is most anxious to have you also as a member.

We want it to be a committee which really puts its brains into the Council's job. That requires a responsible relationship, and the Council wishes to make a modest payment for help of this kind. The proposal is that the advisory committee meet once a week and be compensated at the rate of ten dollars per person per meeting.

I do hope that it will be possible for you to help us in this way. If you are not unfavorable, I will write to Mr. Paul Williams, the President of the Council, who will formally invite you to be a member of the advisory committee.

The committee is not drawn together to boost us financially. The truth is it is to fill the place, as best it can, of a full-time, Negro staff member with a salary at the moment we simply haven't got the funds to pay. The need for help of this kind is real, as you can well understand. My tiny staff and I daily pass upon, and take some action in, matters of real importance to Negroes in the South, and we all feel it imperative to be able to tap sound, current advice on these matters.

It will be quite all right if we don't get down to work until early in August.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC-Alabama
Correspondence

Box 52
State Teachers College
Montgomery, Alabama
July 22, 1948

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter inviting me to serve on the proposed advisory committee of the Southern Regional Council has been received. May I say in reply that I am happy to accept your invitation to serve in this capacity.

I shall return to Atlanta about the 7th of August and you may reach me at 54 White House Drive, S.W.

Very truly yours,

R.E. Cureton

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July 27, 1948

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I take great pleasure in inviting you to be a member of this Advisory Committee. The Executive Director, George Mitchell, tells me that he has reason to believe that you will be willing to take on this task.

As Mr. Mitchell told you, the compensation involved is all too small, but the Council will be greatly assisted by your generosity in putting into this work your thought and advice.

If you will be kind enough to write me that you can undertake this service, at any rate until the end of this calendar year, I shall be very appreciative.

The Committee should begin its meetings now in a shot while.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Williams
President

SRC - Advisory Ctee - Correspondence

July 27, 1948

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson, Director
Southern Field Division
National Urban League
250 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

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President

SRC Advisory Committee

July 27, 1948

Dean S. M. Nabrit
The Graduate School
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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President

SRC - Advisory Ctee - Correspondence

July 27, 1948

Dear Mr. Clement:

I am grateful for your kindness in this matter, as I am sure Paul is also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Enclosures: Copies of lrs, sgd P. D. Williams, to N. Jackson, S.M. Nabrit and R. E. Cureton, dtd 27 July 48.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

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April 13, 1948

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

In reply to your letter of April 8, I should like to suggest the following group of persons as possibilities for consultants:

L. D. Milton, Banker
S. M. Nabrit, Atlanta University Dean
J. Max Bond, Director, School of Education
Atlanta University
Warren Cochrane, Butler Street Y. M. C. A.
C. R. Yates, Atlanta Businessman
A. T. Walden, Attorney

I shall be glad to discuss these and any other men with you.

Cordially yours,

Rufus E. Clement

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Robert E. Clayton, Tract Hgh
H. Jackson
Dean Mathews

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August 3, 1948

Mr. R. E. Cureton
54 C Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cureton:

I have thought of sending some such letter as the enclosed rough draft to our main people out over the South.

It presents a good many policy questions.

Would you be kind enough to read it and think about it and bring your suggestions to a first meeting of the Advisory Committee?

I suggest, as a time and place for that first meeting, Thursday, August 12, at the Council office at three-thirty P. M. Could you be present? Please call the office (WAlnut 7963) and leave word.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Divisions and Committees

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August 3, 1948

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Executive Director

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Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

My dear Mr. Williams:

I am pleased to accept the appointment to the Advisory Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I trust that the association will be one of mutual benefit.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Nabrit

cc: Mr. George Mitchell
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

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September 13, '48

Mr. S. M. Nabrit
686 Beckwith St., S.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Nabrit,

The Council's Executive Committee will be meeting all day here at the office on Wednesday, Sept. 15. I would be grateful if you could come in for some part of the day. It would be the best of chances to learn about the Council, and to get policy in where it counts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Ex. Dir.

SRC - Advisory Ctee - Corresp.

December 17, 1948

Mr. R. E. Cureton
54 WhiteHouse Dr., S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cureton:

Thank you so much for your recent note about your presence at the Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Nabrit wrote me too and I am very happy to have this information so that I can make this correction.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SPC - Advisory Ctee - Corresp.

December 17, 1948

Mr. S. M. Nabrit, Dean
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nabrit:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 7 getting me straight on the attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting.

The solution you suggested is a good one, so we shall adopt it, making the record straight to date.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 7, 1948

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Doctor Mitchell:

It was I who was absent on November 22 instead of Mr. Cureton. My check should have been only for the 29th instead of the 22nd and 29th and Mr. Cureton's check should have been for the 22nd and 29th. If you record me as already being compensated for the 6th, then the record will be straight for me to date.

I regret that attendance at the Regional Meeting in Savannah on the 13th of December will make it impossible for me to be present at the Southern Regional meeting.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Nabrit

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SRC - Advisory Cttee.

January 12, 1949

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This will remind you that the Advisory Committee will meet next Monday, January 17, at 3:30 P.M., in the Council office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Mr. Nelson Jackson, Executive Secretary
National Urban League, Southeastern Region
250 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

SRC - Advisory Cttee

January 12, 1949

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This will remind you of the meeting of the Advisory Committee next Monday, January 17, at 3:30 P.M.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Dean Samuel E. Nabrit
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

As Revised Nov. 12, 1947

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, at it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescrive, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The

President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. Heads of State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice therof shall have been given to any director who is present therat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and the Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice President. Each additional Vice President, if any shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia."

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

January 2, 1947

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of December 26. We were sorry you could not be with us at the annual meeting but we realize how urgent it was for you to be in Greenville.

The December issue of New South has probably reached you by this time. It will give you a fairly complete roundup of the annual meeting.

With highest regards and warmest greetings for the New Year,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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Mr. Guy D. Johnson,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I was terribly disappointed in not being able to attend the meeting, not only because I wanted to be there but also because I planned on seeing a number of old friends in Atlanta.

At the very last minute a very important local meeting was called. I was on the committee which was involved and it was a matter of vital importance to the town. I could not very well be away in my capacity as editor of the paper and as a member of this committee and I had to decide to remain. I am sure you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This will acknowledge your communication of March 7 regarding the forthcoming visit of Mr. Williams and Dr. Alexander. I look forward to the scheduled conference with them on next Wednesday and plan to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine Wilkins
Administrator

SRC - Bd. of Directors
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3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia
March 27, 1947

TO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I send you this memorandum to give you several important announcements concerning the Council. As you know, Dr. Guy B. Johnson announced at the annual meeting in November that he had decided to resign as Executive Director and return to the University of North Carolina. Later he submitted his resignation formally, asking that it become effective on August 31, 1947.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund, which has been the largest contributor to the Council budget, informed us that it would withhold action on a further grant until Dr. Johnson's successor had been chosen. Accordingly, the Executive Committee went to work on this matter, and on March 4 Dr. George S. Mitchell was elected Executive Director to succeed Dr. Johnson. Since Dr. Mitchell's work on the Veterans Project is reaching its conclusion and since he will be responsible for reporting on the year's activities, it seemed advisable for him to assume the Directorship in the near future. Dr. Johnson amended his resignation so that it becomes effective on March 31, and Dr. Mitchell will take office on April 1. However, Dr. Johnson will remain on the staff to help during the period of transition before returning to the University of North Carolina. A news bulletin on the change in Directors has been prepared for release on March 30.

I am delighted to tell you that the Rosenwald Fund has renewed its grant of $25,000, and we understand that such an amount will also be available for each of the years 1948 and 1949. Since the Rosenwald Fund is in process of liquidation, this is the last money we can expect from that source. It behooves us, therefore, to redouble our efforts to build up other sources of support to replace the grants which we have received from the Rosenwald Fund.

It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of our able Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, effective April 15. We are sorry to lose her, and our best wishes go with her in the new business enterprise with which she will be associated. The Executive Committee will fill this position as soon as a suitable person can be found.

The Council has won a respected position as a constructive agency, and it is ready to push on with increased vigor.. Let's all gooforward together!

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Williams
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August 14, 1947

Dear

The May 28 meeting of the Executive Committee decided that formal application should be made to the Treasury Department for a letter establishing exemption from taxation of contributions made to the Southern Regional Council.

Our Counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas, prepared the file requesting exemption, and Mr. Paul Williams handed it in to the Treasury authorities. The Treasury's formal reply was received under date of July 28, 1947, over the signature of the Deputy Commissioner for Internal Revenue. The letter fully establishes the tax-exempt character of contributions to the Southern Regional Council.

As you know, we have heretofore operated without question as a tax-exempt organization. The Treasury letter is therefore pro forma, but we think the Board members should know that it is safely in the files. Armed with this information, perhaps you can find some way to increase the volume of contributions and bequests to the Council! We depend heavily at the present time on contributions from private citizens and local organizations, and in the future that dependence must increase.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 19, 1947

Dear

Some weeks ago you received a memorandum fron our Executive Director, Dr. George S. Mitchell, indicating that our total paid membership as of May 20, 1947 was only 1,903, a little short of two thousand members. While this figure shows an encouraging increase, especially during the past year, it is far short of the number of members we should have if our Council is to exert a substantial impact on the real leadership in the South. We feel that a modest goal should be 5,000 representative members and that this number should be attained within a two year period.

As a first step towards this goal I would like to ask you, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council, to endeavor to get a minimum of ten new members in the near future. We want to report progress in this regard by the time of our next annual meeting.

Ten invitations are enclosed. Will you not decide on ten persons of your acquaintance whom you think should join and send the invitations to them after filling out the names on each invitation and, if possible, adding a personal note? It might prove very effective to follow up the letter with a telephone call. Please start this procedure within a week after you receive my letter while the matter is still fresh in your mind.

The Southern Regional Council has a greater usefulness today than ever before. It needs the added strength of more members and eventually more contributions from its members. Your help as a member of the Board will be sincerely appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Paul D. Williams,
President

SRC Board of Directors - corr

August 26, 1947

Dear Dr. Jemison:

We are very appreciative of your check for $5.00, and want to thank you most warmly for it. There are many places where it will help, and as evidence of your constant interest it cheers us very much.

May we hope that you will be with us for the meeting of the Board, preceding the annual November meeting ? We trust that nothing will interfere with your coming.

With all good wishes, and thanks again,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

The Pastor can be found in the Study of the Church from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Jno. 8:32.

D. V. JEMISON, B. D., D. D.

PRESIDENT
National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.
Alabama Baptist State Convention
PASTOR
Tabernacle Baptist Church

1605 Lapsley Street
SELMA, ALABAMA

Motto:
"Be Just And Fear Not"

Darkness Hides The Wrong, But Does Not Alter It.

August 23, 1947

Mrs. Agness McKoy
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My Dear Mrs. McKoy

Yours to hand and contents noted. In reply to the same I wish to say you will find enclosed my check of Five Dollars ($5.00) to help with this phase of the work. I wish it was possible I could send more. But having so many things clamering for support at this time I could only send the sum of $5.00.

Please find enclosed a check for the same.

With best wishes and kindest regards.

I am with appreciation,

D. V. Jemison

D.V. JEMISON, President
National Baptist Convention

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 3, 1947

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are the official notices of the annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
2 P. M Tuesday November 11, 1947
Conference Room, Administration Building
Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Members
10 A. M. Wednesday November 12
Exhibition Room, Library Building, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We hope that you will be able to attend both meetings, and we shall appreciate receiving the accompanying blank as quickly as possible in order that we may know whether or not to expect you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

Please let us know immediately if you wish to have us make your room reservation. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board members during the meeting will be defrayed by the Council. An expense blank will be furnished at the time of the Board meeting.

Cordially yours,

Agnes McKoy

AGNES McKOY, SECRETARY

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 11, 1947, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

AGNES McKOY, SECRETARY

October 1, 1947

October 16, 1947

Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson, Director
N.C. Commission on Interracial Cooperation
P. O. Box 1208
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are so glad to know that you are coming down for the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2p.m. on November 11, which is being held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at Atlanta University.

A room has been reserved for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the 11th and 12th, and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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TELEPHONE 3-1911

North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation

An Affiliate of The Southern Regional Council, Inc.

P. O. Box 1208

Raleigh, North Carolina

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October 8, 1947

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

Thank you very much for the recent communications. I think that when I wrote you, I got the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors mixed up. I was really interested primarily in attending the Board of Directors meeting.

My interest of course is in getting all the information and learning possible for the purpose of directing a useful Commission. If I would be freely welcome in both meetings on the 11th. I might attend both. Dr. Trigg had told me that the Executive Committee was a 'kinda' closed meeting though and so I had not meant to ask about it. I do plan to attend the annual meeting and will also plan to be in Atlanta on the 11th.

Would it be convenient for you to call one of the hotels and reserve a room for me for the night of the eleventh? Any of them will be all right.

Thank you again for the information about the sessions.

Sincerely,

Cyrus M. Johnson

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October023, 1947

Mr. P. H. Easom
State Department of Education
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Easom:

I very much enjoyed and appreciated your fine talk for the Mississippi Division of the Southern Regional Council on Tuesday. It was a comfort to us to know that you remain interested and so helpful.

If you ever write down the statements that you said you are someday going to make, I hope you will send them to me. You remember you said you were going to write out what was going to happen to us three hundred years from now if we don't change our ways.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

SRC - Bd. & Div. Cor.

October 23, 1947

Dr. H. D. Goode
642 West Wright Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Dr. Goode:

Your telegram just received, and we are forwarding you by air-mail special. A complete set of notices covering the meeting of the Board of Directors and that of the Membership on November 11 and 12 respectively. These notices went out under date of October 3, and we trust you have merely mislaid yours, -- not failed to receive it.

A good meeting has been planned, and we shall look forward to seeing you. With kindest good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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PLEASE MAIL ME SPECIAL DELIVERY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SRC MEETING IN NOVEMBER=

DR H D GOODE.

SRC.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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SRC Board - Corresp.

Clearwater, Florida - November 1, 1947

Dear George,

Thanks so much for your letter of October 9, which should have had an earlier acknowledgment. First with hurricanes and then with house guests, my time has been very full, but things are back to normal again now!

Mrs. Tilly's letter came a day ahead of the meeting, so my life was saved! She had so much on her shoulders that I was sorry to burden her, but I greatly needed her advice. We had a good meeting of the Council of Church Women and those present, without exception, appeared to be anxious to have the Negro women represented on the local Council. Before offering cooperation, however, they are making a survey of Negro churches and church organizations, as none of them had any definite knowledge of the local set-up. I felt encouraged to have them accept the recommendation without a dissenting vote.

News of the GEB people's visit to the SRC office during the first days of November is interesting. I do hope that they will be sufficiently impressed and interested to recommend an increase in the support. I wondered whether we would have a friend at court after Jackson Davis' death.

I was delighted to hear of the honor which was bestowed upon Guy Johnson by our Catholic brethren. It was a well-deserved honor. I wonder how much Msgr. McNamara had to do with it.

Wasn't it great to have an additional payment on the Esther Morton Smith legacy? I was thrilled when I read that, and I knew just how I should have felt had I been in the office to receive the check!

Ever since receiving the annual meeting notice I have been in a dilemma as to whether or not I should attend. Of course, I wanted to be there all the time, but I had a feeling that I should not incur that expense for the Council. At last, however, I persuaded myself that I needed the contact and the guidance which I would receive in the interracial work which I have been attempting to do here, so I mailed the blank saying that I would be present. I am beginning to get rather excited over the prospect of seeing my many friends there! It will be quite an experience, too, to be there as a non-staff member, without designated duties!

So-- until November 11 -- my best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Emily

SRC Board - Corresp.

November 5, 1947

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State-Planters
Bank and Trust Company
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are most regretful that you are not to be with us on the eleventh and twelfth, and shall hope that another year will be more fortuitous.

Thank you for letting us know.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Miss Agnes McKoy, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss McKoy:

I have delayed returning the enclosed form with the hope that I could say "Yes, I will be there" but I now find that it is going to be impossible for me to attend. I hope you will have fine meetings on the 11th and 12th, and regret exceedingly my inability to be with you all.

With best wishes, believe me,

Cordially yours,

Wilson M. Brown

WMB:PL
Enc.

CC: Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia.

SRC Board - Corresp.

November 5, 1947

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat Publishing Company
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

We are most regretful that you are not to be with us on the eleventh and twelfth, and shall hope that another year will be more fortuitous.

Thank you for letting us know.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Miss Agnes McKoy
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auborn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss McKoy:

I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the meeting of the council on November 11 and 12. I had already made a definite committment elsewhere and am not able to break it.

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter

Hodding Carter
(Board Member)

HC:vc

SRC Board Member-Carry

November 5, 1947

Mr. Charles G. Comillion, Dean
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Comillion:

We are most regretful that you are not to be with us on the twelfth, and shall hope that another year will be more fortuitous.

Thank you for letting us know.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Tuskegee Institute

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CHARLES G. GOMILLION, DEAN

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October 3, 1947

Miss Agnes McKoy, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss McKoy:

Thank you for your notice of the meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12 in Atlanta, Georgia. I regret that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting on that day.

With best wishes for a successful conference, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Gomillion

Charles G. Gomillion
Dean
S.R.C. Fellow

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SPC Board of Dirs-Corresp.

November 5, 1947

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are most regretful that you are not to be with us on the eleventh and twelfth, and shall hope that another year will be more fortuitous.

Thank you for letting us know.

Cordially yours

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Durham, North Carolina

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Miss Agnes McKoy, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss McKoy:

This will acknowledge your notice of the meeting of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 11 and a meeting of the membership on November 12.

I regret that I shall not be able to attend these meetings but wish to reaffirm my interest in the work of the Council. It is my hope that I shall be able to attend subsequent meetings of the Board and Council.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Wheeler

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SRC Board - Corresp.

November 6, 1947

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 73
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us for the Board Meeting on November 11, and the membership meeting on November 12. Reservations have been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp.

November 6, 1947

Dr. Clark Foreman
127 B Street S. E.
Washington3, D. C.

Dear Dr. Foreman:

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us for the Board Meeting on November 11, and the membership meeting on November 12. Reservations have been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp.

November 6, 1947

Mr. R. B. Herbert
Palmetto Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Herbert:

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us for the Board Meeting on November 11, and the membership meeting on November 12. Reservations have been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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November 6, 1947

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us for the Board Meeting on November 11, and the membership meeting on November 12. Reservations have been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Bd. of Dir.-Corresp.

November 6, 1947

Mr. M. A. Wright

Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are looking forward with much pleasure to having you with us for the Board Meeting on November 11, and the membership meeting on November 12. Reservations have been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

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November 7, 1947

Dear Board Member:

This year we are putting all staff report material for the year 1947 into the November issue of New South which is being mailed to you today.

Please try to read that issue with care before you get to the Board Meeting.

In that way the time of the Board Meeting will be cleared of reports and the Board can give full attention to program for 1948.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC Board - Corresp.

November 17, 1947

Dr. Charlotte H. Brown, President
The Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Brown:

We missed you greatly at the Annual Meeting of the Council. Thank you for your kind letter of November 12, which was next best thing - to having you here.

Dr. Alexander came and for a few of us most interestingly went over again those early days of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. Your name kept coming back into the conversation as one who had lent vigor and imagination to the whole enterprise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN, PRESIDENT

J. W. BURKE, TREASURER
THE BANK OF GIBSONVILLE
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(10 miles east of Greensboro)

55 Dana Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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Regional Council

November 12, 1947

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Travelling as I do, all around the country this year in pursuit of endowment funds for the institution to which I have devoted more than forty-five years of my life, keeps me away from sectional things to which I have given attention through the years, and in the development of which I am profoundly interested.

My friends are kind to keep me on these boards when I mean so little to them these days, but some will remember that in years past I was faithful and earnest.

Just as soon as Palmer Memorial Institute is on safe ground, I am devoting the rest of my life to these many interests for the development of our Southland. Be patient and I shall yet make good my determination.

Sincerely yours,

C. Hawkins Brown

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown

CHB/c

SRC Board - Corresp.

November 17, 1947

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Reddix:

It was very kind of you to write your letter of November 15. We all missed you at the Meeting, and shall hope to have you next year or sooner if you are in Atlanta.

No selection for the job of associate director was made, though it was agreed to approach one or two people whose standing is high -- probably, I feel so high that I fear we won't get them. Two or three junior persons were thought of and as to one of those, I have considerable hopes.

Meanwhile, if someone occurs to you, please let us know.

I enjoyed my little visit with you a couple of weeks ago.

You will help us all greatly if you will keep in touch with Mr. Schaeffer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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JACKSON COLLEGE
FOR NEGRO TEACHERS
JACKSON, MISS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 15, 1947

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I regret very much that I could not arrange to attend the Board Meeting of the Council in Atlanta this week, due to illness in my family and also due to the fact that I have been confined for a few days myself with a severe cold. I trust that the meeting was a profitable one and I shall look forward to having minutes of the proceedings.

I had planned to talk with you in regard to the merit of making a recommendation to you of someone whom I felt could fill the position of assistant director of the Council. I have been trying to think of someone whom I should like to nominate for this position, and I assure you that it is a hard job since about all of the good men that I know of have jobs and are well rooted in their work. I feel that others whom I may know do not have the best qualifications that I feel would fit into this very important position. I had planned to discuss the matter of one or two men with you if I had attended the Board Meeting. I have not contacted them and I do not know whether they would be available or not. It may be that you have already filled the position at the recent Board Meeting. If you have not, I shall be glad to make some further contacts.

There is a possibility that I may be in Atlanta sometime in the near future. Should I come, I shall be sure to stop in at the Council office.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob L. Reddix

Jacob L. Reddix
President

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SBC Board - Corr.

November 21, 1947

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Newberry, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

We were very glad that you could be present for the board meetings of November 11 and 12, and the membership meeting of November 12. Attached is an expense blank for your convenience in listing your expenses. Please return this with the necessary information, and we shall be glad to send you a covering check.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp.

December 2, 1947

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Route 1
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This is to advise you that by unanimous vote of the membership at the annual meeting of November 12, you were elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council for a full four-year term. This term will expire at the time of the Annual meeting which will fall on the second Wednesday in November of that year.

We are very happy to welcome you to membership on the Board and shall look forward to seeing you at its meetings. There are two such meetings each year, one being on the day preceding the Annual membership meeting, the other on the same day as, and immediately following, the membership meeting. It has been customary for the Council to issue expense blanks on such occasions and to pay for travel and maintenance of Board members who attend these meetings.

For your further information, I am enclosing a copy of the by-laws, with paragraphs concerning the Board especially marked. Please do not hesitate to write if we can be of service.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp

December 2, 1947

Rev. W. H. Marmion
1910 12th Avenue, South
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Marmion:

This is to advise you that by unanimous vote of the membership at the annual meeting of November 12th, you were elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. P. H. Easom. This term has two years to run, being due to expire in 1949 at the time of the Annual Meeting which falls on the second Wednesday in November of that year.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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December 2, 1947

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff

Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

This is to advise you that by unanimous vote of the membership at the annual meeting of November 12, you were elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council for a full four-year term. This term will expire in 1951 at the time of annual meeting which will fall on the second Wednesday in November of that year.

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Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp.

December 3, 1947

Dr. Rufus Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council by that body at its meeting on November 12th.

This recognition of the high service which you have so earnestly and unselfishly performed in behalf of the Council is especially pleasing to staff members who have had the privilege of working with you and so know at first hand the fine talents which you have brought to your task.

With every good wish for the holidays, and for the year that follows, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp.

December 5, 1947

Mr. Charles Gillman
75 Ivy Street N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 4, 1947

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council by that body at its meeting on November 12th.

This recognition of the high service which you have so earnestly and unselfishly performed in behalf of the Council is especially pleasing to staff members who have had the privilege of working with you and so know at first hand the fine talents which you have brought to your task.

With every good wish for the holidays, and for the year that follows, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:ee

SRC Board - Correspondence

December 4, 1947

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council by that body at its meeting on November 12th.

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Most sincerely,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp

December 4, 1947

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corresp

December 4, 1947

Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 E. Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Father McNamara:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council by that body at its meeting on November 12th.

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Correspondence

December 4, 1947

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Citizens Fact Finding Movement of Georgia
Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

It is with much pleasure that I perform my task of announcing to you your unanimous reelection as member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council of that body at its meeting on November 12th.

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Most sincerely,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Nominating Committee

December 8, 1947

Mr. J. E. Blanton
R.F.D. 1, Box 99
Cardona
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Blanton:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you of your election, at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 12th, to the Standing Nominating Committee of 1948 for the nomination of members of the Board of Directors at the next annual meeting.

Dr. William H. Gray, President of the Florida A. & M. College at Tallahassee is the Chairman of the Committee. Other members are as follows:

Mrs. Josephine Heyman, 5860 Vermont Rd. N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Hortense Young, c/o Louisville Defender, 418 South 5th St., Louisville, Kentucky
Dr. Witherspoon Dodge, Hampton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

We are very happy to welcome you as a member of this important committee and trust most sincerely that it will be possible for you to serve. For your information we are attaching a list of the Board of Directors, including those whose terms expire with the next meeting. Please do not hesitate to write us whenever we can be of service.

With every good wish for the coming year, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 8, 1947

Dr. Witherspoon Dodge
Hampton Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Dodge:

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Com.

December 8, 1947

Dr. William H. Gray
Florida A. & M. College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gray:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you of your election, at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 12th, as Chairman of the Standing Nominating Committee of 1948 for the nomination of members of the Board of Directors at the next annual meeting. Other members of the Committee are as follows:

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Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 8, 1947

Mrs. Josephine Heyman
3860 Vermont Rd., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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December 8, 1947

Mrs. Hortense Young
c/o Louisville Defender
418 South 5th St.
Louisville, Kentucky

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Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board-Corr.

December 9, 1947

Dr. A. D. Beittel, President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Beittel:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you that by vote of the membership of the Southern Regional Council at the annual meeting of November 12, by-laws of the Council were so amended as to provide henceforth heads of State Divisions automatically become ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, with privileges and voting rights of regularly elected members.

We are very happy to welcome you to membership on the Board and shall look forward to seeing you at its meetings. There are two such meetings each year, one being on the day preceding the Annual membership meeting, the other on the same day as, and immediately following, the membership meeting. It has been customary for the Council to issue expense blanks on such occasions and to pay for travel and maintainence of Board members who attend these meetings.

For your further information, I am enclosing a copy of the by-laws, with paragraphs concerning the Board especially marked. Please do not hesitate to write us if we can be of service.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McCoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

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SRC Board - Corresp.

December 8, 1947

Rev. H. B. Schaeffer
1526 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Schaeffer:

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Secretary-Treasurer

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WILMER C. DAVIS, MANAGER

HOTEL HAMPTON

"A ROOM WITH A BATH
FOR A DOLLAR AND A HALF"

ATLANTA, GA.
December 9, 1947

Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McKoy:

I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 8 informing me of my election as a member of the Standing Nominating Committee of 1948.

It will be a privilege to serve on this Committee. I judge that I shall be informed by Dr. Gray, Chairman, of time and place of meeting of the Committee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Witherspoon Dodge

Witherspoon Dodge

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Hampton Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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Cordially yours,

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Columbus 5, Ohio
906 East Broad Street
December 23, 1952

Dear ~~Friend~~ George:

As Christmas and the holiday season approach, I want to wish you the richest enjoyment of the occasion. May it bring you only the best of good fortune and divine blessing.

Into the lighter aspects of the season, all of us will enter - as is becoming - with more or less of enthusiasm, though we be a bit shocked by the extreme commercialism which saturates the sacred season. But if it be no desecration of the sacred season, it may be suggested that the fears, perils and present conditions that surround and hover over civilization at this holiest season on the religious calendar, might induce some to engage in more serious and realistic thinking.

Why do the dark clouds of barbarous war, and gathering clouds that threaten more war, overshadow the sky of hope and hide the sun of peace from shining in all its splendor? Why, with all the earth's resources of nature, and the ingenuity of man in mastering its abundant possibilities, do two-thirds of the human race remain undeveloped in personality and exist amidst the world's plenty in poverty, futility and torment?

There is no mystery about it. We cannot hide behind the curtain of the excuse that we do not understand. The secret was openly revealed thousands of years ago: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit" - the spirit of wisdom, justice, and love.

The most serious shortage, for both defense and offense, in our society is soul. Too many individuals, and the world-at-large, have too little soul to direct their mind and heart, their will and hands, toward solving the problems that challenge civilization. Their personal desires are so great, their motives so low, their prejudices so deep, their pride so high, their interests so small and narrow, that the size of their soul presents a pitiful contrast in dimensions to the task waiting to be performed.

Beyond the individual is the collective world. It is collective. (Let us not be scared by semantics). Human relationships make it so. Hence, the world's collective soul can be enlarged, not merely by better individuals, but by much better individuals whose practised purpose it is to make better human relationships, better institutions, better customs, better laws, and better methods of economic production, distribution, and consumption.

You may be willing to unite with me in the prayer - uttered or unexpressed - that the strains of the Angelic Chorus on the First Christmas Day: "Peace on Earth, among Men of Good Will," might stimulate a glad response throughout the world this Christmas, to help fulfill its Promise by fulfilling its Condition.

Sincerely,

J. Walter Graves

ELEVATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- EX-OFFICIO

December 9, 1947

Rev. H. B. Schaeffer
1526 Robinson Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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S.P.C. Board - Corresp.

December 11, 1947

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Louisville Municipal College
Seventh and Kentucky Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Please accept our apologies that the enclosed check covering expenses incurred for the Directors meetings of November 11 and 12 has not been sent you before. Through inadvertency your letter of November 17 in which you listed these expenses went to the files instead of being routed to my desk for payment. We were glad to have out attention called to this over sight.

We were delighted that you were able to attend the meetings and shall expect you to come in and see us whenever you are in Atlanta.

With kindest regards and all good wishes for the holidays, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Dec. 6, 1947

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Southern Regional Council

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

Through some oversight my check for expenses to the Director's meeting has not reached me. I do not at the moment recall the exact amount but I believe it was about $54.00. I hope I will hear from you soon on this matter.

Next week I will send to you such materials as are available on veteran administration in Ky.

Sincerely yours

[signature]

Louisville Municipal College or 926 So 6th St. Apt 1
Louisville. Ky.

Note:
Letter to which this is an answer, is filed with duplicate of check sent Mr. Parrish covering expenses stated in his letter
A. McK.

November 21, 1947

Mr. C. H. Parrish
Louisville Municipal College
Seventh and Kentucky Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

I greatly appreciate your letter of November 17. We were delighted to have you and consider that the extra link with Louisville and Kentucky which your coming gave us is worth more than the cost and your trouble.

I will bear in mind during the year your willingness to take on some extra job.

Meanwhile, could you find out and let us know what are the accepted figures in Kentucky for the proportion of Negro and white veterans respectively, currently receiving the educational benefits of the GI Bill of Rights specifically in the fields of college education, secondary education, on-the-job-training, and on-the-farm-training? This omits the separate small category of formal apprenticeship training (probably not over two or three thousand altogether in Kentucky), and as you know that is a particularly difficult figure to get information on. Any available break-down you get about secondary education would be helpful but not necessary. The best break-down would be those receiving full-time institutional training, vocational in nature; and those receiving full-time secondary institutional education non vocational in nature.

My experience has been that State officials and VA officials will be without official figures, but that rightly approached they have quite accurate guesses. I would be satisfied with good guesses if you can get them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ee

SRC Board Corresp.

December 16, 1947

Dr. J. W. Seabrock, President
Fayetteville State Teachers College
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Seabrock:

Thank you for your letter of December 12. We sent out expense blanks to all Board Members who attended the meeting, and regret so much that the one sent you apparently did not reach its destination. Our check in amount of $39.09 is herewith enclosed.

I am also attaching a list of Council publications. Many schools and colleges are using these in sociology, education, and economics classes. We shall be glad to send you samples of any of these that you particularly wish to see.

With every good wish for the holidays, and for the coming year, I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

✓ Filed with voucher in Finance files - Amt paid by check 2663 - on Sat Nat'l.

SRC Board - Corresp.

December 16, 1947

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Topknot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We do regret very much that you were unable to be present for the membership meeting on November 12, and for the Board meeting which followed. It was a good meeting.

I am attaching voucher form for use in providing payment to cover your expenses. We regret that you did not have one of these earlier and will send covering check as soon as it is returned.

With every good wish for the holidays and for the coming year, I am

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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"TOPKNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, N. C.

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Southern Regional Council

12 December 1947

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Auburn Street
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have never turned in an expense account in connection with the meeting of the Directors on November 11. I believe that it is probably customary for this to be done. If so, will you please send appropriate blank for that purpose?

I regret that on account of engagements here I could not stay over for the full meeting of the membership on the following day.

I thought that the meeting of Directors was quite satisfactory from the standpoint of interest displayed and suggestions advanced.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright
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December 21, 1947

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting on November 12.

The year 1948 holds much promise and we are looking forward to it with confidence strengthened, as we feel ourselves to be, by the ability and excellence of the individual as well as the collective membership of our Board.

With every good wish for the holidays and for the coming year, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:ee

December 21, 1947

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting on November 12.

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With every good wish for the holidays and for the coming year, I am

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:ee

December 21, 1947

Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Moore:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting on November 12.

The year 1948 holds promise and we are looking forward to it with confidence strengthened, as we feel ourselves to be, by the ability and excellence of the individual as well as collective membership of our Board.

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Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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SRC Board - Corp.

December 21, 1947

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting on November 12.

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(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

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Dr. Johnson

Meeting of Board of Directors
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
November 13, 1946, 4:30 P. M.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, Wednesday afternoon, November 13, 1946, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library immediately following the annual meeting of members. The following members were present:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
R. B. Atwood
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Guy B. Johnson
Benjamin E. Mays
T. James McNamara
N. C. Newbold
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
John G. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Harold L. Trigg
J. M. Tydings
Josephine Wilkins
Paul D. Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

From the SRC staff: Ray Warwick, Mrs. Henry Havens, Miss Emily Clay and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

At Mr. Williams' request, Dr. Patterson presided over the meeting. Dr. Clement, reporting for the Nominating Committee, of which he was chairman, read the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

Paul D. Williams, Richmond, Virginia	-	President
P. B. Young, Norfolk, Virginia	-	First Vice-president
Frank W. Spencer, Savannah, Georgia	-	Second Vice-president
Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas	-	Third Vice-president

On motion duly seconded and carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as read.

Question was asked whether these officers had been contacted to determine whether they would be willing to serve, as none of the vice-presidents had attended the annual meeting. It was stated that the Nominating Committee had assumed these men would continue to serve, as all of them have shown interest in the work and have attended meetings during the year even though not present today.

BUDGET FOR 1947

Dr. Johnson read to the Board a Tentative Budget for 1947 as drawn up by the staff. (See Copy Attached)

BUDGET FOR 1947, Continued.

After some discussion concerning the Budget, on motion duly seconded and carried,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors accept the information regarding the 1947 Budget; and that it be submitted to the Finance Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for action.

On motion made by Dr. Clement, duly seconded and carried,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors express appreciation for the work of all the staff of SRC and for the leadership of Mr. Paul Williams as president during the past year.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison, Secretary

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1947

1. Based on Present Staff and Activities

Salaries	$40,000.00	
Travel - Entertainment (including Board of Directors and Executive Committee)	7,500.00	
Rent	1,560.00	
Research and Special Services	2,500.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	660.00	
Supplies and Equipment	3,500.00	
Printing - Literature	6,300.00	
Subscriptions and Clippings	200.00	
Postage - Express	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
TOTAL		$64,720.00

2. Additional Needs for Expanded Program

Conference Council Fellows 1947			$ 1,500.00	
Conference State Committee Directors			1,000.00	
Additional Staff			18,300.00	
3 field workers at $3000		$9000		
2 stenographers at	2400	4800		
Travel	5000	5000		
Additional Travel for Present Staff			2,500.00	
Anti-lynching Campaign			2,000.00	
Police Institutes			3,000.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL NEEDS				$28,800.00
GRAND TOTAL				$92,520.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1947

Foundation Grants	$37,300.00
Church Agencies	5,000.00
Dues	4,000.00
Contributions	5,000.00
Mailing List	1,000.00
Literature	2,000.00
TOTAL	$54,300.00

Estimated Budget Based on Present Staff and Activities	$64,720.00
Income for 1947 (Estimated)	54,300.00
Needed to Balance Minimum Budget	$10,420.00

Estimated Budget Based on Expanded Program	$92,520.00
Income for 1947 (Estimated)	54,300.00
Needed to Balance Expanded Budget	$38,220.00

PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED BY SRC
STOCK, DECEMBER 31, 1946

PAMPHLETS	ON HAND JUNE 30, 1946	New Stock From Printer June 30-December 31, '46	Number on Hand December 31, 1946	No. Dist. During 6 Mo. Period
The Negro in America Public Affairs Pamphlet no. 95	2,100	0	1,941	1,159
Voting Restrictions in the 13 Southern States	538	0	509	29
Veterans: It Need Not Happen Again - Benjamin E. Mays	350	0	350	0
Race Riots Aren't Necessary Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 107	25	0	10	15
Background for Brotherhood Kendall Weisiger	225	0	225	0
To Stem This Tide Charles S. Johnson and Others	46	0	0	46
American Negroes Handbook Edwin Embree	40	0	40	0
Color, Class, and Personality	49	0	49	0
A-B-C- of Scapegoating	73	0	50	23
Your Part in Georgia's Politics	33	0	33	0
There are Things to do Lillian Smith	10	0	10	0
Peace as a World Race Problem	0	0	0	0
Government and Minorities The Negro In America (Council for Democracy)	350	0	350	0
Report of 13th Annual Policy Conference on Democracy and the Constitution - Alabama	0	0	0	0
Race Riots Can be Prevented	58	0	40	18
Post War Employment and the Negro Worker	40	0	40	0
Police Action in Minority Problems	67	0	50	17
Race Relations - Rosenwald Fund	49	0	49	0

NEW SOUTH INVENTORY
DECEMBER 31, 1946

	On Hand June 30, 1946	Number Purchased June 30, - December 31.	Number on Hand December 31, 1946	No. Dist. During 6 Mo. Period
January	2,200	0	1,750	450
February	0	500	200	300
March	960	0	0	0
April	550	0	355	195
May	4,700	0	2,750	1,950
June	0	4,000	150	3,850
July	0	4,000	1,025	2,975
August	0	4,000	120	3,880
September	0	3,000	100	2,900
October	0	4,000	825	3,175
November	0	4,000	382	3,618
December	0	6,000	2,900	3,100

OLD COMMISSION PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS
STOCK ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1946

Pamphlets	On Hand June 30, 1946	New Stock From Printer June 30-December 31.	On Hand December 31, 1946	No Dist. During 6 Mo. Period
No. 6. Singers in the Dawn	600	10,000	8,233	2,367
No. 8. Songs of the South	132	0	10	122
No. 17. Repairers of the Breach	348	0	250	98
The Changing Character of Lynching	530	0	436	94
The Mob Still Rides	100	700 (Found since) (last Inventory)	792	8
Leaflets				
What About It Series of Studies	300	0	300	0
New Public Opinion on Lynching - ASWPL 1941	300	0	300	0

SRC PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS
STOCK, DECEMBER 31, 1946

Pamphlets	On Hand June 30, 1946	New Stock from printer June 30-December 31.	On Hand Dec., 31, 1946	No. Dist. during 6 mo. period
No. 1. The SRC, Its Origin and purpose	3,650	0	2,350	1,300
No. 2. America's Tenth Man	2,100	0	0	2,100
No. 3. Understanding our Neighbors	3,650	0	1,490	2,160
No. 4. Economic Value of the Negro to the South	1,025	0	626	400
No. 5. Wanted: The South's Future For the Nation	18,306	0	17,341	965
No. 6. Wanted: A Healthy South	0	11,000	8,000	3,000
No. 7. Machines in The Cotton Fields	0	7,000	3,760	4,240
Jacksonville looks at it's Negro Community	0	150	50	100
Lets pull Together Kentuckians	0	10,000	10,000	0
Opportunities for the Negro Veteran in Atlanta, Georgia	3,400	0	3,200	200
Packets	100	115	11	204
Life and Achievements of American Negro Citizens-Teaching guide Alilunas Jones' Study Guide	16	0	0	
The South-America's Opportunity Number one	2,144	650	2,433	631
Leaflets				
Unity Begins at Home	0	10,000	8,000	2,000
Which way is Better	0	25,000	7,600	17,400
I Never Knowed	125	0	125	0
After The War....?	9,250	0	2,339	6,911
Black G. I. Joe Comes Home	7,000	0	1,550	5,450
It Seems Queer	4,500	0	1,800	2,700
Unhealthy Roots	6,600	0	1,600	5,000
The White Primary Stop Worrying	0	0	0	0
Brothers in Black	3,200	0	2,300	900
Facing Facts in South Carolina	2,600	0	1,825	775
South is Yours	6,700	0	2,070	4,630
Reort of Executive Directors	222	0	190	32
Our conflicting Racial Policies	121	0	75	46
Information, Please	17	500	175	342
Digest, Wagner - Murray - Dingell Bill	25	0	25	0

Same to Mr. Haas -- to act as Chairman
Miss Wilkins.

February 13, 1947

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

As you know, the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will take place on February 26 at 10.00 A.M. One of the most important matters facing us is the selection of a successor to Dr. Guy B. Johnson. Although Dr. Johnson will not be leaving the Council until next September, there is considerable urgency in settling the question of his successor because of the fact that the Julius Rosenwald Fund has informed us that it is withholding its grant until definite action on this matter has been taken.

Our by-laws provide for the election of an Executive Director by the Executive Committee on recommendation of a special committee appointed for that specific purpose. I am asking you to serve on this committee, with Mr. Leonard Haas as Chairman, and Miss Josephine Wilkins.

I hope that this committee can meet soon and begin its work of canvassing the field for possible nominees for the position of Executive Director. Dr. Trigg and Dr. Johnson will be available for consultation. If I can be of any assistance to you, I shall be glad to communicate with the committee by telephone.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Charles S. Johnson and Dr. Guy B. Johnson, and have asked the latter to transmit this letter to you.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Cordially yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:r

CC: Mr. Paul D. Williams
Dr. ~~Guy B.~~ Johnson
Chas. S.

February 20, 1947

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Southern Regional Council

Hon. James P. Houlihan, Chairman,
Chatham County Board of Commissioners,
Georgia State Savings Association,
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Judge Houlihan:

I feel certain that you will understand my anxiety when I describe the proposal of the Board of Education, through its Properties Committee, to build a six room temporary addition at the Beach-Cuyler Schools as a mockery of education and a miscarriage of justice. I could add further, by way of description, that it is a thoroughly unrealistic approach to civic improvement.

After all we are living in a post-war period, which is dramatized by the idealism which made possible victory and world leadership for our Nation with the promise of peace that adherence to idealism assures. Now the Board of Education, through its Properties Committee, proposes to stimatize some 45% of Savannah's population as not entitled to the elementary rights of citizenship. If there is one boast more than any other that stands out in the claims of the Nation it is that we as a Nation provide equal educational opportunities for our citizens, irrespective of Race, Color or Creed. A mockery, - it is more than a mockery, - it is a reflection on community intelligence and definitely a miscarriage of social justice.

If the Board is convinced that it can afford to spend only that amount, which is involved in building a six room temporary addition at Beach-Cuyler Schools, how much more in keeping with obligations to its citizens and the community at large it would be to expend this money in making a start toward the erection of a permanent building on the site already purchased by the Board of Education for the erection of a modern High School building for our Negro citizens.

It is an under-statement to say that the Board is short-sighted, indeed, in attempting token acknowledgement of its obligations to the citizenry of our city and county. Temporary addition to Beach-Cuyler Schools is an emphasis on the frustrations that our Negro fellow-citizens suffer and a woeful waste of public monies.

For Government or its units to deny that which constitutional rights establish, Government invites the obloquy which must eventually but inevitably follow.

An educated citizenry is Government's best protection. Illiteracy is a perpetual threat to its survival.

I ask, if at all possible, that you and the membership of the Board of County Commissioners point out to the Board of Education the fallacy of the position of its Properties Committee in proposing to use public funds in token acknowledgement of legal and just claims.

A modern High School building for our Negro citizenry, adequately equipped and efficiently staffed, should be a "must" on the program of our County Board of Education.

Sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

CC Board of Education,
Chairman Hub Committee,

Feb. 22, 1947

To: Dr. Johnson

From: IBT

Notes for Executive Committee meeting.

Finances: -

Board of Directors meeting November 12, it was voted:

"That the present financial condition of the Council be referred to the Finance Committee for study, the decision to be left with the President as to whether a new Finance Committee should be appointed."

Board of Directors meeting November 13, it was voted:

"That the Board of Directors accept information regarding the 1947 Budget; and that it be submitted to the Finance Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for action."

(Old Finance Committee: W. W. Alexander, Wilson M. Brown, L. D. Milton, Howard Odum.)

(New Finance Committee suggested by Mr. Williams: W. W. Alexander, Rufus E. Clement, N. C. Newbold, Virginius Dabney, J. H. Wheeler. Has not been appointed as yet.)

Present status: Cash balance February 15, 1947 $409.59; Accounts Payable $2687.23; Actual deficit February 15 - $2,277.64.

National Advisory Committee;

Board of Directors meeting November 12, it was voted:

"That the matter of selecting a National Advisory Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with the power to act, and that the members of the Board of Directors be asked to make suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning personnel for the Committee."

Memberships:

Approximately 1800 now enrolled, 200 since the annual meeting.

State Divisions:

Kentucky - voted to become a division.
S. C. - Employed Mrs. Eugene Spearman part-time.
Florida - Trying to locate someone to work on educational survey, etc.

Information Requests and Literature orders:

Over 600 requests for literature since Jan. 1; over 100 requests for information; between 75 and 100 letters asking material for Negro History Week, and Race Relations Sunday.

Notes - continued

White Primary;

Information furnished legislative committee, etc.

Segregation Study:

Mrs. Tilly is planning to leave a memorandum about what the Atlanta Council of Church Women has done in regard to this. Resolution in regard to colored waiting rooms and rest rooms... taken to City Council...etc.

Report to Executive Committee

Feb. 26, 1947

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

My time and attention has been directed toward the following things since the first of the year -

Finances of the Georgia Coommiitte on Interracial Cooperation, the Georgia political situation, the Segregation study , the Civil Rights Committee , and added to this, one Week's teaching on "The Christian amd Race" to the Harrodsburg, Ky. Council of Church Women.

Dr. Russell's continued illness made it imperative to devote much time to the work of the Georgia Committee. At the present time, we feel sure of the $3000 income that makes it possible to secure the $5000 from tje Rosenwald Fund. We have not drawn on the fund, because so far wehave not been able to find the needed field workers.

During the month of January, I drive 1,500 miles through Georgia, stopping at filling stations, wayside inns and rural towns talking to people about Georgia's political problems. I was amazed at the small number of people we found who did not resent the action of the legislature in naming Talmadge governor. I hope I did some good on this trip. I tried to as I talked to hundreds of people. Over the week-end before the Senate hearings on the white-primary bill, Dr. Russell and I together called the Methodist ministers in the home towns of the members of the Senate committee and without an exception, they readily promised to talked to these men before they returned to Atlanta on Sunday evening; we called the chairmen of each of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ local committees of the Georgia Committee, each president of the Council of Church Women, prominent people in many sections of the State, giving to them the names of the Senate committee and asking them to do three things ,- wire each member of the Senate Committee, write a letter to their own Senator, and send a delegation to the hearings.

We have had letters from many of these groups , telling us just what they did. Many of them were here at the hearings. I had to go to Washington to a meeting of the Civil Rights Committee so did not have the thrill of being here at the hearings.

The Civil Rights Committee has been kept fully awore of what is happening in Georgia. I've been to Washington 3 times to the meeting of the Committee. Action on the Segregation study here in Atlanta has been delayed through the months until there was a group ready to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ face it and work at it. The Atlanta Council of Church Women seemed to me to be the logical group , but until its own practices were square on the question, I did not ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ suggest the job to them. Month by month some of us in the Council, worked on our own policies, until finally after a very careful build up, we can report the Georgia Council and the Atlanta Council of Church Women ~~is a~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ an interracial ~~xxxxxxxx~~ organization where women of both races meet together in Christian fellowship. The annual meeting luncheon was the crowning event.

Immediately after the annual meeting, the Atlanta Council took up the segregation study and had Dr. Mark Thomas to speak at the inter-council of all women's organizations, Dr, Thomas presented the pictures - and the following is the resolution passed-

you will note, the ~~Council~~ church women are making a health approach to the problem, as this seemed wisest in light of the present political situation -

These church women have a conviction on this and will not let their interest become dormant -

This resolution is being followed up with further action.

The South Carolina lynching has had some of my attention. I called the presidents of the two Methodist Conferences and the president of the Council of Church Women in Columbia, the ne xt day after the lynching happened. I found the Church women had already been in conference with the Governor.

Attached you will find a copy of a letter sent to the Governor, after they had had a conference with him.

WHEREAS, it is a matter of common observation, supported by photographic evidence obtained in a recent survey of local conditions, that colored rest rooms and waiting rooms at local railroad and bus stations, and the approaches to these rooms, are generally found to be in an unsanitary and filthy condition;

AND WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health must await official authorization before taking steps to remedy these deplorable conditions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Atlanta Council of Church Women, in the interest of better health and sanitation for all, bring this matter to the attention of the General Council of the City of Atlanta and urge that ordinances be attached regulating conditions in the aforementioned rooms and the approaches thereto, thereby authorizing the Sanitary Engineering Division of the Department of Public Health to take such steps as may be necessary to correct this disgraceful menace to the public health of the City of Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Atlanta Council of Church Women and a copy thereof be delivered to the Committee of Health and Sanitation of the General Council of the City of Atlanta.

Mrs. Chester Martin, President

Mrs. W. B. Suddeth, Chairman
Christian Social Relations Committee

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
January 31, 1947

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Garrison, Co-Chm.
Christian Social Relations Committee

1829 Senate Street
Columbia 5, S. C.
February 21, 1947

Governor Strom Thurmond.
State House
Columbia, S. C.

My dear Governor Thurmond:

The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service of the two South Carolina Conferences commend you for your very definite part in the quick and effective action pertaining to the Pickens lynching case.

This action on your part and the action of other officials and of the court which will come must declare the fact that the citizens of South Carolina do not approve of mob rule.

We imagine that numerous church, civic, and other groups will write you regarding this matter. If publicity is given we would be glad to be listed among those commending your action. This kind of publicity would state the opinion of most of South Carolina's citizens.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. J. Ashby Turner
Acting Secretary of Christian Social Relations

Mrs. A. F. Spigner,
President, Upper S. C. Conference W. S. C. S.

Mrs. L. A. Hartzog

Mrs. J. Roy Jones

February 21, 1947

MEMORANDUM

FROM: ROBERT K. CARR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

SUBJECT: FURTHER REPORT ON THE WILLIE EARLE LYNCHING CASE

A progress report has been received from Turner L. Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, Department of Justice. He reports the following:

(1) Federal agents are pursuing their investigation of the case.

(2) State and local officers have arrested some twenty persons and have obtained confessions from twelve of these people. It appears that from 35 to 40 persons were involved in the lynching and that many of these were taxi drivers. (Earle is alleged to have assaulted a taxi driver).

(3) Thus far federal agents have discovered little or no evidence indicating that any members of the mob acted under "color of law" (a necessary element to a successful prosecution under Section 52). It appears that the jailer, an elderly man, made no attempt to resist the mob and opened the jail door, but thus far there is no evidence that he was a party to a conspiracy.

(4) In lynching cases where:
   (a) the evidence will not support a strong federal prosecution under Section 52, and
   (b) State authorities are making vigorous efforts to arrest and presecute the guilty parties,

   it is the policy of the Department of Justice to continue its investigations but to make no effort to seek a federal indictment. As of the present moment the Department of Justice feels that the Earle case falls into this category.

to other member

September 25, 1946

President A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear President Dent:

Mr. Williams has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Resolutions. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual SRC meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Resolutions at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12 in the SRC headquarters.

The Board of Directors, of which you are a member, will also meet on November 12 - at 2 P. M.

Will you please fill in and return the enclosed card as quickly as possible indicating whether you will serve on the committee as requested and whether you will attend the meeting at 8 P. M. November 12.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

EHC:EKH

I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions ---------- Yes ✓ No ___

I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ---------- Yes ✓ No ___

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SIGNED Philip Shullafer

Date 9/25/46

I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions ---------- Yes ___ No ___

I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ---------- Yes ___ No ___

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SIGNED Mrs E. J. Mackay

I would like very much to be of service to the S.R.C. & to attend this meeting, but as state president of the G.F.C.W. I must be in Grand Rapids, Mich. that same week attending the UCCW Biennial. Very sorry.

Date

I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions ---------- Yes ✓ No ___

I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ---------- Yes ✓ No ___

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SIGNED Gardner Hamilton

Date 10/7/46

Grace Hamilton phoned 10/7 that she has lost notice but will attend meeting

	Yes	No
I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions ----------	✓	
I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ----------		

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SIGNED Mrs A. A. Hanchy

Date Oct 15 1946

P.S. Miss Clay please forgive my delay in answering. Penelope

October 1, 1946

Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Thomaston
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hardy:

Mr. Williams has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Resolutions. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual SRC meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Resolutions at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12 in the SRC headquarters.

Will you please fill in and return the enclosed card as quickly as possible indicating whether you will serve on the committee as requested and whether you will attend the meeting at 8 P. M. November 12.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

	Yes	No
I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions	✓	
I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12	✓	

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SIGNED M. A. Wright

Date 10/1/46.

September 25, 1946

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Conway
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Williams has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Resolutions, of which he would like to have you serve as Chairman. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual SRC meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Resolutions at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening Novembes 12 in the SRC headquarters.

The Board of Directors, of which you are a member, will also meet on November 12 - at 2 P. M.

Will you please fill in and return the enclosed card as quickly as possible, indicating whether you will serve on the committee as requested and whether you will attend the meeting at 8 P. M. November 12.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

EHC:EKH

	Yes	No
I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Resolutions ----------	X	
I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ----------	X	

SIGNED R B Atwood

Date 10/12/46.

October 10, 1946

Dr. Rufus B. Atwood
State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Mr. Williams, our President, has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Resolutions. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual SRC meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Resolutions at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12 in the SRC headquarters.

The Board of Directors, of which you are a member, will also meet on November 12 - at 2 P. M.

Won't you please fill in the enclosed card, and let us have it by return mail, indicating whether you will attend the meeting at 8 P. M. November 12? We shall be grateful for an immediate reply.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

October 22, 1946

Mr. M. A. Wright
Conway
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mrs. Tillison, our Office Manager, tells me that she checked with the Winecoff following your conversation with Dr. Johnson and was told by the Room Clerk that a letter confirming your reservation of November 12 was sent to you on October 3. Apparently, the letter went astray in the mails.

The Committee on Resolutions will meet here in our office at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12. Your request that resolutions be sent to you in advance of the meeting is being passed on to Dr. Johnson, who is out of the city just now but will return later in the week.

We are all glad to know that you are back in South Carolina again, and we look forward to seeing you here next month.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

LAW OFFICES
WRIGHT AND BURROUGHS
CONWAY, S. C.

MARION A. WRIGHT
FRANKLIN G. BURROUGHS

21st
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OCT 22 1946
Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of October 18th.

Supplementing the enclosed blank, I think that I have a reservation at the Winecoff Hotel beginning November 12. Recently over the telephone I asked Dr. Johnson to confirm that reservation and presume that he has done so.

I shall reach Atlanta on the morning of the 12th on a train arriving from Augusta and reaching Atlanta, as I recall, about 7 or 8 A. M.

You recently advised me that I had been appointed chairman of the Resolutions committee. If that committee is to meet at any particular place or hour, I shall be glad to have you advise me. If you know of any resolutions which will be introduced in advance of the meeting, I should like to have copies of them prior to leaving for Atlanta.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

MAW:L
enc.

November 7, 1946

R E M I N D E R

The Resolutions Committee, of which you are a member, will meet in the SRC headquarters at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12. We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Note added to BS members, saying we are expiating them at BS mtg. 2 pm.
Nov. 12.

The Chattanooga Times

November 8, 1946

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Sou. Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Yes, I will be glad to serve on the Resolutions Committee and I will be in Atlanta in good time for the board meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Faithfully yours,

Alfred Mynders

Alfred Mynders
Editor of The Chattanooga Times

AM/ea

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, 1946

Marion A. Wright, Chairman

R. B. Atwood

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

Gordon B. Hancock

Mrs. A. A. Hardy

Alfred Mynders

Philip Shulhafer

Committee meets 8 P.M., November 12, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue NE

SRC - Committee on Resolutions

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the November, 1947, post-Membership Board Meeting of the Council, the decision was made to appoint a standing Resolutions Committee.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on February 25, 1948, selected you as Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Borders and Dr. Forrester B. Washington to be the three members of this Committee.

By having a standing Committee, it would be possible for us to get in proposals of resolutions well in advance of the next Annual Meeting. This would give an opportunity for the proposals to be circulated to the Committee. Of course, there will be resolutions prepared at the last minute, and the Committee would be expected to deal with them, too.

Would it be possible for you to serve as Chairman of this Committee? I should be very grateful if you could accept this Chairmanship.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

SRC - Ctee on Resolutions

May 17, 1948

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Paul Williams wrote me that you needed the addressed of the other two members of the Resolutions Committee. Here they are:

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. William H. Borders
24 Yonge Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia.

I am delighted that you will serve as Chairman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eb

copy to Mr. Paul D. Williams

THE WRIGHTS
"Topknot"
LINVILLE FALLS, N. C.

27th April 1948

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Va.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I shall be very glad to serve as chairman of the committee on resolutions as referred to in your letter of April 19.

* I shall appreciate your giving me the addresses of Mrs. Borders and Dr. Washington in order that I may be able to forward to each of them copies of any resolutions received by me.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

MAW:L

M. A. Wright

* Please note and write Mr. Wright. Haven't heard from Mrs. Borders.
P. W.

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1947 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, the Library of Atlanta University
November 12, 1947

9:30 - 10:00	Registration	
10:00	Invocation	
10:05 - 10:07	Adoption of Order of Business	
10:07 - 10:10	Adoption of Rules	
10:10 - 10:12	Minutes of Meeting of November 13, 1946	
10:12 - 10:17	Announcements of Committees a. Resolutions b. Nominations	
10:17 - 10:45	Opening Remarks by President Williams	
10:45 - 11:05	Activity Reports	
	a. Membership. Miss Margaret Price	2. min.
	b. Publications. Mr. Harold Fleming	5. min.
	c. Conference of State Representatives	5. min.
	d. Fellows. Mr. Robert A. Thompson	3. min.
	e. National Advisory Committee Mr. V. Dabney	5. min.
11:05 - 11:10	Finance - Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer a. Report on 1947 b. Action on Report c. Presentation of budget for 1948	
11:10 - 11:40	Discussion of 1947 Activities. Led by George S. Mitchell, Executive Director	
11:40 - 11:45	Interval	
11:45 - 12:15	Proposed 1948 Program. George S. Mitchell	
12:15 - 12:30	Interval	
	12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:15	Action on 1948 Program. Led by a member of the Executive Committee	
2:15 - 2:45	Action on 1948 Budget. Led by Dr. W. W. Alexander and President F. D. Patterson	
2:45 - 3:30	Reading of and Action on Resolutions. Led by Chairman of Resolutions Committee	
3:30 - 3:45	Election of Board of Directors. Led by Chairman of Nominations Committee	
3:45 - 4:00	Other Business	
4:00	Adjournment	

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
November 12, 1947, 4:15 P. m.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul Williams, Wednesday afternoon, November 12, 1947, at 4:15 p. m., in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library immediately following the annual meeting of members. The following were present:

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Miss Emily H. Clay
Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Dr. Clark B. Foreman
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Mr. Jacob Henderson
Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Dr. N. C. Newbold
Mr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Mr. J. G. Pollard, Jr.
Mr. Edgar Ray
Mr. G. D. Rogers
Dr. J. W. Seabrook
Mr. Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. Eugene Spearman
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mr. M. A. Wright
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

At Mr. Williams' request, Mr. Tydings presided over the meeting. Mr. Tydings read a letter from Mr. Frank Spencer which was dated September 2, 1947, in which he asked that the Board accept his resignation.

On motion made by Mr. Seabrook and duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Board accept Mr. Spencer's resignation with regrets and in his place elect Dr. Guy B. Johnson as Vice President.

On motion made by Dr. Clark Foreman and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes for the November 11, 1947 meeting be dispensed with.

Dr. Forrester Washington, reporting for the Nominations Committee read the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President
Mr. P. B. Young, Vice-President
Mr. Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Vice-President
Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Vice-President

and the following nominations for members of the Executive Committee for the coming year:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Charles Gillman
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

On motion made and duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Nominations Committee be accepted as read, and those listed be confirmed for the coming year, and Mr. Trigg be elected as Vice-President.

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be asked to bring to the next Executive Committee meeting a concise report of all instructions given by the membership and by the Board in the two days of meetings.

ELECTION OF STANDING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The chairman asked for nominations for a standing Nominating Committee drawn from the membership to serve for a period of one year. The following nominations were received:

Mr. William H. Gray
Mr. J. E. Blanton
Mrs. Josephine Heyman
Mrs. Hortense Young
Dr. Witherspoon Dodge
Dr. Mildred Mell - Alternate

On motion made by Mr. Foreman and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that this group compose the Nominating Committee to bring to the nest annual meeting nominations for members of the Board.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the chairman of this Committee be Mr. William H. Gray.

The chairman also reminded the Board that it would be desirable to elect a standing Nominating Committee of the Board to serve for a period of one year and to bring in Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Board. These nominations would be limited to members of the Board. The following nominations were received:

Dr. Forrester Washington
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Eugene Spearman

On motion made and duly seconded,

7. IT WAS VOTED that this group be accepted as the Nominations Committee to bring in to the Board nominations for members of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Washington be named as chairman of the Committee. I ?

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the committee of three bring in the nominations for the officers of the Council. 1/ I ?

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be requested to send to the Board, not less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting a proposed program and the proposed budget for the coming year. I

DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM FOR 1948

Mr. Tydings turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to Mr. Williams to carry on the discussion of program of 1948. Msgr. McNamara reminded the body that the Resolutions Committee to serve at the next annual meeting should be designated at the end of the Annual Meeting.

1/ The Council's officers - President and Vice-Presidents, are elected annually by the Board.

On motion made by Mrs.J. D. Ames and duly seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of appointing a Resolutions Committee be referred to the Executive Committee for immediate action at their first scheduled meeting.

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Committee

August 21, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

A letter has just come from Dr. Guy Johnson, who is vacationing in North Carolina, saying that Mr. Paul Williams cannot attend a meeting of our Executive Committee any time during September with the exception of the week of the ninth. I have, accordingly, sent you the following telegram this afternoon:

> "Mr. Paul Williams anxious to attend meeting SRC Executive Committee but has crowded schedule except for week of September ninth. Do you have a free day during that week? If so may I send call for meeting? Please answer Western Union collect."

I wrote you on August 15, telling you that we had been unable to get a quorum for August 28 or for the other dates (September 4 and 11) which had been suggested by Dr. Guy Johnson for the meeting, and asking whether we might call it for September 18. This morning, however, I received a note from Dr. Alexander's secretary, saying that my letter to you was inadvertently sent to him in Chicago. I regret this very much. Perhaps it's just as well, though, since we are now asking whether we may have the meeting sometime during the week of September 9.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia
August 15, 1946

Dear Dr. Young:

It has not been possible to get assurance of a quorum for the SRC Executive Committee meeting on August 28 or on either of the other dates suggested by Dr. Guy Johnson in his letter of July 24. We are conferring with Dr. Charles Johnson relative to another date, however, and will notify you as soon as it has been set.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Send to all attendees C.S.J.
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To:
Dr. Clement
Mr. Gillman
Mr. Haas
Dr. Hancock
Msgr. McManamar
Comdr. Spence
Mr. Wesley
Miss Wilkins
Mr. Williams
Dr. Young

Letter to
CSJ-8/15

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. and M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

August 15, 1946

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Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It has not been possible to get assurance of a quorum for our Executive Committee meeting on the regular quarterly date, August 28, or on September 4 or 11, the dates suggested by Dr. Johnson in his letter of July 24. As Dr. Johnson left for his vacation this morning he asked me to confer with you about another date.

May I call the meeting for Wednesday September 18? If that does not fit in with your other engagements, what date other than September 6 and 25 would be satisfactory?

I shall be grateful for an early reply, in order that the notice may be sent as far in advance as possible.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 24, 1946

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28. This is more than a month away, but since this is the time of year when many people are planning their vacations, I think it is wise to ascertain now whether we may expect a quorum at the August 28 meeting. Won't you please fill out the enclosed card and mail it back to us at your earliest convenience?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m
Enclosure

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I can not attend the meeting on August 28_____.

In case a quorum is not in sight for August 28, I can attend a meeting on:

Wednesday, September 4_____

Wednesday, September 11 ~~would be much more convenient for me.~~

Date 8/2/46 Signed Charles S. Johnson

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Date July 30 Signed C H Gillman

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Date 7/29 Signed T. James McNamara

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Date 7/29/46 Signed Gordon Blaine

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Date 27 July Signed Frank T. Jenner

Out of State 15 Aug to 8 Oct.

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Date 7/29/46 Signed Lamar Chase

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I can attend the Executive Committee meeting on August 28 Feb. 25_____.

I can not attend the meeting on August 28 Feb. 25 ✓.

In case a quorum is not in sight for August 28, I can attend a meeting on

Wednesday, September 4 Mon Feb 23

Wednesday, September 11 Thu Feb 24

Out of city.

Date 7-26-46 Signed Rufus E. Clement

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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February 12, 1947

To: The Members of the Executive Committee

Since you have already received from Dr. Johnson the schedule of Executive Committee meetings for this year, I feel sure that you have noted them on your calendar and are aware that the first meeting is set for the last Wednesday in this month.

Therefore, formal notice is hereby given that the regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Council's Conference Room on Wednesday, February 26, 1947, at 10.00 A.M.

As there are several important matters on the agenda, including the Council budget, Dr. Johnson's resignation, and the problem of selecting a new Executive Director, won't you please make every effort to be present.

Please return the enclosed postal card indicating whether you will attend.

Cordially yours,

Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

IBT:r

February 13, 1947

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Thanking you for your cooperation,

Cordially yours,

Paul D. Williams
President

PDW:r

CC: Mr. Paul D. Williams
Dr. ~~Guy B.~~ Johnson
Chas. S.

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Forsyth Building
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Miss Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Tillison:

Your letter of February 12 addressed to my father is acknowledged. He is on an extended absence from the city, and I doubt seriously whether he will be able to attend the meeting there on February 26.

He has already declined a most urgent engagement in Washington on February 28. I know he would want me to assure you of his deep interest and sincere regret that he cannot be present.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

P. Bernard Young

P. Bernard Young, Jr.
Editor

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Memo from GUY B. JOHNSON

to J.B.T.

2-25-46

Paul Williams called me this morning (collect, charged to SRC). He says his daughter had a rather serious operation last night and he can't be here for Exec. Com. tomorrow.

Also to: Wilkins; Clement; Gillman.

ARC, Exec Comm

March 7, 1947

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President of the Council, and Dr. Will W. Alexander of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, will be with us next Wednesday, March 12, to discuss future plans for the Council.

We hope very much that you will be able to attend an informal conference with them at our office at 10.00 A.M. on that day.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:r

March 14, 1947

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is sent to you with deep regrets, as it is my formal resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council. I should like for my resignation to become effective as of April 15.

I have been offered a position near my home which I feel affords an excellent opportunity for advancement. In accepting the position, it is necessary for me to make the change as quickly as possible, otherwise, I would have given longer notice. The location of this new work was one of the determining factors in my decision. As you may know, I live in one of the suburban towns several miles from Atlanta, and spend at least two hours each day commuting. In the new position, I will be able to give more time to my other important vocation of "house-wife", which I think I have been neglecting in recent months.

The past nineteen months have been a wonderful experience to me. I have enjoyed my work with Dr. Johnson very much, and have been looking forward to working with Dr. Mitchell. I believe the Council has made much progress, and I know that under the leadership of a man like yourself as President and those who serve on our board, much more will be accomplished in the future toward the betterment of the South. I shall, of course, continue my membership in the Council, and will help in any way that I can.

With very best wishes always,

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison

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Remarks: Unfortunate.

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Remarks: Reluctantly and with an abiding sense of gratitude to Dr Johnson for his splendid direction to SRC.

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Atlanta University
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

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September 12, 1947

To the Members of the Executive Committee

Mr. C. H. Gillman
75 Ivy Street N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gillman:

Following the recommendation of the Committee on Recommendations of the State Meeting of June 17-18, we have prepared a tentative draft for a revised, popularized statement of the aims, origins and activities of the Southern Regional Council. This is submitted for your criticism.

Please tell us whether you feel it meets the purpose for which it was proposed; tell us, too, of any improvements which you think could be made, either by extension, clarification, or deletion. Your comments will receive most careful consideration in preparation of the final draft.

An early reply will be much appreciated. Meanwhile, with kindest good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKay
Secretary-Treasurer

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A copy of this letter was sent to all members of the Executive Committee

October 6, 1947

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is to remind you of the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee at ten o'clock on the morning of November 11, here in the offices of the Council.

It is hoped that all members of the Committee can be present at this meeting, which will be followed by the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2 p.m. of the same day, and by the Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. of the day following.

Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am most

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Committee

November 18, 1947

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Dr. Alexander:

We were very glad that you could be present for the board meetings of November 11 and 12, and the membership meeting of November 12. Attached is an expense blank for your convenience in listing your expenses. Please return this with the necessary information, and we shall be glad to send you a covering check.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely,

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935 G Place N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Raleigh, North Carolina

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Newberry, South Carolina

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SRC Exec Com - Corresp.

December 3, 1947

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University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It is with special pleasure that I perform my task of formally announcing your unanimous election as Vice-President of the Southern Regional Council by the membership body at its annual meeting on November 12th.

This recognition of the fine contribution which you have made to the Council is most gratifying to all of us here, and the knowledge that we shall continue to benefit from your wisdom, experience, and good counsel a matter for much self-congratulation.

With regards and kindest good wishes from the entire Staff, I am

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P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We are indeed glad to advise you of your unanimous re-election as Vice President of the Southern Regional Council at the annual membership meeting of November 12th.

The year 1948 holds much promise, and we look forward to it with confidence, strengthened as we feel ourselves to be by the ability and excellence of our officers.

With kindest good wishes for the coming year, I am

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SRC Exec Com
Williams

December 5, 1947

Mr. Paul D. Williams
5320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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It has been good to have your leadership and we have treasured that, as well as the personal associations which grew out of it. Its continuance, therefore, becomes a matter for self-congratulation. We are indeed most sensible of our own good fortune, and are looking forward to the progress which we feel sure 1948 will bring.

With every good wish from us all, I am

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In case a quorum is not in sight for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., I can attend a meeting on

Monday, February 23, No
Tuesday, February 24, Indefinite

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Date January 20, 1948 Signed C. S. Johnson for P.C.A.W.

I can attend the Executive Committee meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. Yes

I can not attend the meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. ----------

In case a quorum is not in sight for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., I can attend a meeting on

Monday, February 23, _____

Tuesday, February 24, Yes

Date 1-18-'48 Signed [illegible]

I can attend the Executive Committee meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. X

I can not attend the meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. _____

In case a quorum is not in sight for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., I can attend a meeting on

Monday, February 23, X

Tuesday, February 24, X

Date 1-16-48 Signed Guy B. Johnson

I can attend the Executive Committee meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. _____

I can not attend the meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. Doubtful

In case a quorum is not in sight for February 25, at 10:00 A. M., I can attend a meeting on

Monday, February 23, _____

Tuesday, February 24, _____

Date 1-15-48 Signed Rufus E. Clement

I can attend the Executive Committee meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M. _____

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Date 1/15/48 Signed [illegible]

I am sorry that I cannot say whether

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I can not attend the meeting on February 25, at 10:00 A. M._____

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
February 26, 1947

The Executive Committee met at its regular quarterly session February 26, 1947, at 10 A. M., in the Council Conference Room. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, who asked Msgr. McNamara to lead in prayer. Roll was called by the Secretary. The following were present:

Rufus E. Clement	Charles S. Johnson	Harold L. Trigg
Leonard Haas	Guy B. Johnson	Josephine Wilkins
Gordon B. Hancock	T. James McNamara	Carter Wesley

Regrets were received from P. B. Young, C. H. Gillman and Frank Spencer. The president, Paul D. Williams, had planned to come, but just as the meeting opened, Mr. Williams informed the Committee that an emergency operation on his daughter prevented his attending. Staff members present: George S. Mitchell, Mrs. Henry Havens, Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

On motion made and seconded,

(1) IT WAS VOTED that since copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, November 12, 1946, had been sent to each member, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as distributed.

Mrs. Tillison reported to the Committee concerning membership and finances. She stated that since the annual meeting there have been 200 new members enrolled, bringing the total SRC membership up to 1800. She stated that following the establishment, on vote at the annual meeting, of joint membership for husband and wife, we have had between 40 and 50 such memberships.

Mrs. Tillison stated that at the time of the annual meeting it was estimated that the deficit for the year 1946 would be approximately $2,000, but that by holding down supplies, travel, etc. and by borrowing $1,000 on the advice of Mr. Haas, on December 31 there was a small cash balance of $538.58 in the bank, and an actual deficit for the year of $461.42. She gave the finance report covering the six weeks' period, January 1--February 15, 1947. (See report filed.) The report showed a cash balance on hand of $412.59, and after accounts payable were taken into consideration, a deficit February 15 of $2,274.64.

Report for the Veterans Service Division showed a balance on hand February 15 of $961.57. (See report on file.)

Question was asked as to how much in other appropriations are expected during the year. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that $4,000 is due from the General Education Board and some other small appropriations from churches. Question was also asked whether the General Education Board would not send the remainder of the appropriation at this time instead of July 1 when it is due. Dr. Clement stated he was of the opinion that they would send it whenever we asked for it.

Dr. Johnson told the Executive Committee that those present would remember that at the last meeting of the Committee he told the group that he planned to leave the Council and go back to the University of North Carolina, and the Committee voted to take that as information which would be passed on to the Board and annual meeting. About a month after the annual meeting, he stated, his negotiations with the University were finished and it was arranged that he would return to the University September 1. On December 12 he stated letters were written to Dr. Embree and Dr. Alexander concerning the Julius Rosenwald Fund appropriation for 1947. Dr. Alexander replied in part as follows:

> "As you know, the appropriation of the Rosenwald Fund for the Southern Regional Council covered a three-year period which expires at the end of this month. It would not be wise for me to go to the Trustees for an appropriation covering an additional period of years with the leadership of the Council in a state of uncertainty. Nor would it be possible to ask them to make an appropriation covering a short period, or an indefinite period, pending the final settlement of the future leadership of the Council. I am, therefore, not taking up with the Trustees the matter of further appropriations and shall not do so until the question indicated above is settled. I am sure that under the circumstances our Trustees would not act favorably. I thought you and the others ought to know this. I am sending a copy of this letter to both Mr. Williams and Dr. Odum. I shall be glad to have word when definite decisions have been reached."

Dr. Johnson stated he wrote Dr. Alexander that he had been reelected Executive Director, that he planned to stay until September 1, that if a new Director had not been lined up by that time he would arrange to stay on the entire year, and that he hoped this would clear up the matter of the stability of the Council for the present year. He stated that Dr. Alexander and the Rosenwald Fund, however, seemed firmly

committed to the position that the Council's directorship must be settled first. Dr. Johnson said he hoped that there might be a special meeting of the Executive Committee called to take up this matter, but that was not possible, and so it had to wait until this regular February meeting of the Committee. In the meantime, he stated, he had submitted his formal resignation in a letter to the president and members of the Executive Committee, asking that it become effective August 31, 1947.

In reply to a question concerning the Rosenwald Fund's attitude, Dr. Charles Johnson stated that the Rosenwald Fund is winding up its operations, is scrutinizing very carefully the last grants, and is limiting those grants to programs which are stabilized. The Executive Committee of the Rosenwald Fund wants assurance of the stabilization of the program of SRC, especially in view of the fact that Dr. Johnson's resignation is pending and there is no indication as to who will follow, he stated. The Fund, he said, in making its grants now out of remaining funds will want to make as long a provision as the funds will permit, and it has not felt that under the circumstances it could allocate two or three year's grant to a situation that is obviously unsettled with no indication of which direction it would be going. Even with full confidence in the Council Board, he stated, there could be other claims for those funds which might block the Council if it does not act promptly. He stated that the Rosenwald Fund does not expect any new funds to be granted after this year. He pointed out that the Rosenwald Fund Board meets on March 5.

Dr. Clement suggested (1) that the Committee try immediately to settle the situation as to a Director, (2) that another request be made to the Rosenwald Fund for a larger grant covering several years, and (3) that other foundations be approached for funds.

Mr. Wesley stated that he was impressed with the urgency of the situation and suggested that the Committee go into the question of a new Executive at once.

The Chairman said that in accordance with the By-Laws a Special Committee, consisting of Mr. Leonard Haas, Chairman, Dr. Rufus Clement, and Miss Josephine Wilkins, had been appointed by the president on February 13 to select an Executive Director.

Mr. Haas suggested that members of the staff present, with the exception of Dr. Johnson, be excused and that the Special Committee's report be considered. Mr. Haas told of the deliberations of the Special Committee and reported that certain contingencies made it impossible to present a final report at this time. After prolonged discussion, on motion made and duly seconded,

(2) IT WAS VOTED unanimously that the Executive Committee hereby empowers and instructs the Special Committee to make a selection of an Executive Director by Wednesday, March 5, from the names approved today by the Executive Committee, such selection to constitute action by the Executive Committee.

In view of the lateness of the hour and the fact that several members of the Committee would have to leave shortly, it was suggested that staff reports be postponed except for a brief coverage of important items. The staff members were asked to return to the room.

The Executive Director reported briefly on the following subjects:

1. Police Manual. Emory University is probably going to cooperate in working out a manual for police officers. This is desirable, Dr. Johnson said, because they would have much better chance of getting it used by the police than SRC.

2. An approach has been made by Mrs. Havens which we hope will result in Mr. Ed Ray, Chairman of the Florida Division, receiving an invitation to speak on the police and human relations at the Southeastern Sheriff's Association in Tampa next month.

3. Progress has been made in cooperation with the Florida Governor's Citizens Committee on Education--an official committee to survey public schools and bring far-reaching recommendations. Some of SRC people are on the Committee. Dr. Gray of Florida A & M has attended all the meetings of the Committee, and Florida Division of SRC has extended its cooperation.

4. Mr. Ed Ray recently called a special meeting of representatives of the press, both white and Negro, and of the Citizens Committee on Education mentioned above. State officials attended and discussed how to publicize the report and get

action on it. Dr. Guy Johnson spent two days in Tallahassee in January conferring with state officials, on invitation from the Department of Education.

5. The man-on-the-street poll. Mr. Slade of the SRC staff made a survey the latter part of 1946, asking questions on what the man-on-the-street thought about the present situation in regard to race relations, whether conditions were better or worse than they were before the war, etc. About 400 Negroes in Atlanta were interviewed. A young man from Emory is now interviewing white people, and the final results of this poll will be useful in certain local action phases of our work.

Dr. George S. Mitchell reported briefly on a successful effort to get the Veterans Administration to set up its statistical procedures so that data according to race would be recorded. Dr. Trigg and Mrs. Havens also made brief comments. Mrs. Havens reported that the Florida and South Carolina Divisions have both employed field workers recently and have set goals of 1,000 and 800 new members respectively for 1947. Attention was called to the fact that the Kentucky Interracial Council has become a state division of the SRC.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that the Council issue a statement on the White Primary legislation which has just been passed by the General Assembly of Georgia. On motion made and duly seconded,

(3) IT WAS VOTED that a statement expressing our regret over the passage of the Georgia White Primary law and reaffirming our policy on this moral issue be prepared by the Executive Director and given to the press.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that there was not enough money in the Treasury to cover the pay roll on Friday, February 28, and that he would like to have a recommendation from the Executive Committee concerning this. On motion made by Mr. Wesley and seconded by Miss Wilkins,

(4) IT WAS VOTED that the officers charged with the responsibility of carrying on the office be empowered to borrow $1,500 to cover this emergency and such other funds, not to exceed $4,000, to carry on the work until we can secure the contributions which we now anticipate, or until the next meeting of this committee, whichever is earlier.

Dr. Guy Johnson stated that for the last two years a meeting of the Directors of the State Committees had been held the latter part of February, but due to the lack of funds one has not been called this year. He stated that it is important that a meeting of the SRC state division heads, at least, be held sometime soon so that uniform procedures can be worked out. Mr. Wesley stated he felt it was important to include also those states where there was not affiliation. Dr. Johnson told him that these had been included in the meetings held in 1945 and 1946 and that if funds are available they will be included again this year.

A written report prepared by Mrs. M. E. Tilly, who was representing the SRC at the meeting of the Mississippi Division, was not read because of lack of time.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison

Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

April 16, 1947

Re: Office of Acting Secretary-Treasurer

The files contain evidence of the designation by President Williams of a special subcommittee of the Executive Committee to approve selection of a successor to Mrs. Tillison as Secretary-Treasurer.

Telephone calls were made to Miss Josephine Wilkins and Dr. Rufus Clement of this committee on Friday, April 11. A similar call was made to Mr. Leonard Haas on Monday, April 14. All three members of the committee approved the arrangements for appointment of Mrs. Anna T. Warwick as Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

G.S.M.

George S. Mitchell

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Executive Committee
May 28, '47

AGENDA

Roll Call

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Report on membership

Financial Report

State Divisions and Committees

Staff Reports

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H. L. Trigg
Ray Warwick
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
George S. Mitchell

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Other Business

M I N U T E S

Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

May 28, 1947

The Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Council on Wednesday, May 28, 1947, and was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, in the absence of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Chairman.

In addition to the President, the following were present: Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Msgr. T. James McNamara, Miss Josephine Wilkins , Mr. Leonard Haas, Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dr. George S. Mitchell, Mr. Ray Warwick, and Mrs. Agnes McKoy. Mrs. M. E. Tilly sat in on the latter portion of the meeting. Mrs. McKoy was introduced to the group as the incoming Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

At the request of Mr. Williams, Dr. Hancock opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Williams and Dr. Hancock told the group, briefly, the story of Westwood, a Negro community located within the city limits of Richmond, which has been in existence for the past eighty years, the property passing on within the respective families from generation to generation. The story of how this community was "saved" for the Negro property owners there will be carried in a forthcoming issue of New South. One of those instrumental in the Westwood project was Mr. Walter Cravey of Richmond, who was proposed for membership in the Council by both Mr. Williams and Dr. Hancock.

Minutes of the February 26 meeting had been sent to all members and upon motion of Mr. Haas, seconded by Dr. Hancock,

1. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 26 meeting.

No minutes were kept of the March 5 meeting of the special committee appointed to select an Executive Director to succeed Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Mitchell requested that official action be taken for recording in the minutes of this, the May 28 meeting. After discussion and upon motion of Miss Wilkins, therefore,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the following statement regarding the action taken by the special committee in selecting a successor to Dr. Johnson be incorporated in these minutes of the May 28 meeting:

> The Special Committee of the Executive Committee met on March 5, 1947, and in conformity with the directions given it by the Executive Committee, Dr. George S. Mitchell was chosen as the successor to Dr. Guy B. Johnson. Dr. Mitchell accepted the appointment, to take office on April 1.
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> At the request of the Special Committee, Dr. Johnson agreed to continue with the Council, serving as a consultant with Dr. Mitchell, until August 1, at which time he would begin thirty days annual leave, his resignation becoming effective on August 31.

Report on Membership

A mimeographed report had been prepared on the membership of SRC as of May 19, 1947. Dr. Mitchell commented briefly on this, pointing out that building up the membership, while something of an expensive process in view of budgetary limitations, is a necessary part of the Council's program, both for the showing in spread of membership, when approaching foundations for funds, and in expanding the program to reach as many areas of Southern life as possible.

Largest increases were noted in Florida and South Carolina, both of which are State Divisions of the Council and in recent months have been fortunate enough to have employed a parttime temporary field worker. (See report attached.) Miss Margaret Price, Research Assistant on the staff, has been designated by Dr. Mitchell to act as Membership Secretary, with the responsibility of assisting the state groups in anyway possible and of carrying on extensive cultivation of prospective members by mail from Council headquarters.

The Georgia Committee at its meeting in April obtained around 40 members, Dr. Mitchell reported.

In reply to Mr. Williams' question as to what SRC members are called upon to do, Dr. Mitchell explained that most of them are members of some state or local committee, in whose activities they participate, and that the Council always feels free to call upon them in an emergency. In reply to Dr. Hancock's question as to what goal, if any, had been set as the desirable minimum membership, Dr. Mitchell said that Council headquarters feels that an increase up to 5,000 would be excellent.

There was considerable discussion as to ways and means of increasing the present membership, in view of the restricted budget under which the Council operates. Mr. Williams wondered if some present member of the staff might very well spend some time on this in the field. Dr. Mitchell expressed the opinion that this would be somewhat expensive. Mr. Williams then suggested the possibility of asking each member of the Board of Directors to put forth a real effort in behalf of obtaining new members. Specifically, he thought each Board member might be asked to obtain ten new members. Dr. Hancock suggested extending this request also the the Honorary Fellows and possibly to other members of the Council. Mr. Williams thought it advisable to send each Board member sufficient copies of some specially pertinent pamphlet for sending to his or her prospects, together with a like number of printed formal invitations.

Mr. Williams' suggestion was received most favorably by the Committee, and after thorough discussion and upon motion of Dr. Hancock,

3. IT WAS VOTED that Council headquarters proceed to draft a letter to members of the Board of Directors, requesting that each member attempt to obtain new members for the Council; this letter to go out over the signature of the President, Mr. Williams. Later, if thought advisable, this idea will be extended to the Honorary Fellows, and possibly to other members of SRC.

Discussing further possibilities for increasing the membership and obtaining additional financial support, Msgr. McNamara wondered whether it would be advantageous to make a very direct appeal to religious and fraternal organizations, by communication with the leaders in these various groups whose names would be submitted to Council headquarters by the Executive Committee members. He explained

that his idea would be using individually typed letters, over the signature of the Committee member who submitted the name, enlisting the support of these leaders on the basis of the urgent need for united effort by leaders in Judeaism, Catholicism, and Protestantism, in carrying forward the aims and purposes of the Council's program.

After thorough discussion and upon motion of Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Dr. Hancock,

4. IT WAS VOTED that a letter be formulated, in which there would be a direct appeal to Judeaism, Catholicism, and Protestantism, to unite in this southwide regional program; that these leaders as individuals be invited to membership on the Council; and that they be urged to bring the Council's program to the attention of their respective followings. These letters to be individually typed, with a formal printed invitation enclosed carrying the list of the Officers and Board members of the Council. Each member of the Executive Committee to be asked to furnish Council headquarters with a list of those to receive such a letter over his or her signature.

Dr. Mitchell showed the group a copy of the present printed formal invitation, the stock of which is now exhausted. There was discussion as to the advisability of adding each member's official connection or occupation following his name. There was general agreement that this might be advisable now, but that the idea should be presented to each individual Board memger for his approval or disapproval. Upon motion by Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Dr. Hancock,

5. IT WAS VOTED that each Board member be contacted as to his or her feeling on the use of titles, occupations, or official connections in the listing of names of Board members on the printed formal invitations. If Board members approve, Council headquarters will proceed with the new printing of these invitations.

Financial Report

At the request of Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. Anna Warwick, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, gave a report of the present financial condition of the Council. She explained that the General Education Board had been requested to advance its contribution of $4,000 immediately rather than on July 1. If this is done, it is felt that the Council will be able to get along until the new instalment of the Rosenwald money, which is due July 1. However, without the early receipt of GEB's grant, the Council will be unable to meet its payroll during the month of June. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the $1500.00 loan with the Citizens Trust Company had been renewed until July 1. He outlined what he believed to be, roughly, the general expenses of the Council for the rest of 1947, and pointed out that, even with the strictest economy and operating only along the limited lines as at present, the deficit by December 1 will amount to something over $3,000.

Members of the Committee expressed considerable concern over the Council's financial condition and the effect it is having on the program. It was suggested that direct approaches be made to those denominational groups not now contributing to the work, and Dr. Mitchell said that he had planned to do this soon. He told how, almost immediately following the Conference on Human Rights and World Order, one Methodist Conference group has sent in a contribution of $25.00, as the result

of an appeal from one of their women leaders who had attended the Conference. It is expected that some of the other 16 Conferences will also follow the suggestion of their leader.

Dr. Mitchell reported also that a leader in the Council of Jewish Women, who attended this Conference, had expressed considerable interest in the Council's program and had requested detailed information. This has been sent to her, for relaying on to her group. Mrs. Tilly pointed out that, although the Council was not promoted in any way in connection with the Conference, there were numerous expressions to the Council of appreciation for its financial support of the meeting and results since then have shown that, actually, the Council received a full measure of credit for its assistance in putting the Conference on.

Discussion of What Constitutes "Political Activity" in connection with the Council's Program.

Msgr. McNamara asked whether the group thought the Council should have a clear definition of exactly what constitutes political activity. Mr. Haas said that he had, himself, run into a little difficulty in this respect when approaching two organizations requesting grants for the Council.

In the lengthy discussion which followed there was considerable expression from the members as to exactly what might be construed as "political activity." It was pointed out that the Council as an organization most purposefully has always refrained from active participation of any sort in political campaigns.

Msgr. McNamara pointed out that, certainly, there were social welfare areas in which ofttimes legislation had been considered which had Council support, but, he felt convinced, this was purely human welfare work and could not be considered at all in the realm of political activity.

Other members of the Committee expressed similar views, pointing out that the churches themselves do not fear to take a definite stand on what they consider to be social legislation. Msgr. McNamara pointed out, with regard to the Council's condemnation of the white primary, that in an instance of this kind the Council is merely supporting the law of the land - not lending its support to any particular candidate for public office.

Mr. Williams expressed the opinion that the Council's chances for grants and contributions from many sources are hampered by this lack of a definite, authoritative statement that such donations are tax exempt. He felt that the Executive Committee should face the problem, now.

On motion of Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Dr. Hancock,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the SRC make application, through the proper Government agency, for a formal ruling on its being a tax exempt organization.

It was agreed that, once this ruling is obtained, a more concerted effort must be made to obtain funds not only from foundations and religious bodies, but that large business corporations should be approached.

Possible Grant from GEB as a Memorial
to Dr. Jackson Davis

Mr. Williams presented briefly a plan which he, Dr. Trigg, and Dr. Hancock had discussed together recently in Richmond. They wondered if the GEB could be interested in memorializing Dr. Jackson Davis through a special grant to the SRC on the basis of some special projects which the organization would undertake with the funds. In making the approach, it was Dr. Trigg's idea that the emphasis be shifted entirely from the question of race, and placed instead on the Council's philosophy of the regional approach to the South's problems, stressing the importance of utilizing all this section's resources, both human and natural. Dr. Hancock felt that there was some reason for encouragement in presenting the idea to GEB, since something of a similar nature had been done in establishing and naming Dillard University for Dr. J. H. Dillard, whose life's work had been along the same lines as Dr. Davis'.

It was agreed that this idea is well worth exploring and Mr. Williams, Dr. Hancock, and Dr. Trigg were authorized to go ahead with their plans. Mr. Williams stated he hoped something definite could be done during the month of June.

State Committees and Divisions

At its meeting on April 19, Dr. Mitchell reported, the South Carolina Committee enrolled something like 45 new members. The Georgia Committee is forging steadily ahead all the time and at a general meeting in May enrolled between 35 and 40 new members. Recently, a local committee has been set up in the Fulton-DeKalb area. The North Carolina Commission will hold its Executive Committee meeting on June 9. The Mississippi Council has a new Chairman and it appears that this group is off to a new level of activity. They will hold their Executive Committee meeting on June 13. The Texas group is active but as yet has not become affiliated with the Council. Individuals from each of these state groups, as well as representatives from those states which do not have an official set-up, will be brought into Atlanta on June 17 and 18 for a two-day session on increased activity, especially as regards membership, police administration, and expanded secondary education for veterans.

Mrs. Tilly reported that one of the chief activities on which the Georgia Committee is concentrating at this time is the matter of combatting political campaigns where the racial issue is raised by candidates for office. She distributed a mimeographed statement, which is being widely circulated in Georgia, and is daily gaining new endorsers. Also, a Macon attorney who is a member of the Georgia Committee is now preparing a leaflet on the white primary which is to be given wide circulation. In working against the injection of the racial issue in political campaigns, the Negro members of the Committee will do their part by approaching the white ministers in their respective communities, enlisting their full support and that of their members.

Report of Dr. Guy B. Johnson

It so happened that a year after the Council's report on the Columbia, Tennessee, trouble, Dr. Johnson reported, he was invited to speak before three separate groups there, in three separate meetings: the Lions, the Kiwanis, and the Rotary Clubs. He did not talk about the race riot of a year ago, but met with a small group later to try to plan for a permanent interracial committee.

Dr. Johnson also reported that he had, in compliance with a request from the President's Committee on Civil Rights, prepared a memorandum on the Council's findings touching on civil rights in the South and incorporating some suggestions as to what areas the Committee might direct its activities. Later, he was requested, on very short notice, to appear before the committee in person. Dr. Johnson stated that he would have liked to have presented in advance to members of the Executive Committee his prepared statement, but that time did not permit. Since his statement was released to the press by the Civil Rights Committee, however, both he and Mrs. Tilly felt that it should be given to Executive Committee members and members of the Board of Directors. Dr. Johnson emphasized that, in appearing before the committee, he had made it quite plain that he appeared as an individual only and not as the official representative of the Southern Regional Council. The problems he touched on were: lynching, police protection, suffrage, separate but equal facilities, and hate organizations.

Recently, Dr. Johnson reported, he has been working with Ray Warwick, Public Relations Director of the Council, on the proposed radio forums. It is planned to broadcast these forums, somewhat in the nature of the Chicago Round Table or the Town Hall Meeting of the Air programs, over WSB in Atlanta. Very little prepared script would be required, the main problems being the lining up of speakers and getting the project financed.

Also, Dr. Johnson said, he is now attempting to do the police manual which, some months ago, it appeared Dr. Stubbs of Emory University might be available for preparing. He hopes this will be completed before he leaves the Council August 1. Reports on the new Chief of Police in Atlanta are most favorable, he said, and it seems that the chances now are better than a year ago for getting the idea tried out here in this city.

Report of Dr. Harold L. Trigg

Dr. Mitchell explained that Dr. Trigg had gone to fill a long-standing engagement at Voorhees Institute and had asked him to present his written report. (See attached.)

Also, Dr. Mitchell reported, Dr. Trigg has accepted the Presidency of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh and asked that his formal resignation be presented to the Executive Committee, to become effective on August 31.

There were many expressions of deep regret from the group at Dr. Trigg's going, and also many commendatory remarks about the type of job he has done with the Council, and the members asked that Dr. Trigg be told by Dr. Mitchell that he has their sincerest best wishes for every success in the new job.

Mr. Williams said: "We are glad that we will have him as a stalwart to lean on for advice and stimulation .... in North Carolina, where Dr. Trigg has many friends." Dr. Johnson stated that he did not know of any one person who could do just what Dr. Trigg has done since coming with the Council, in just the way he has done it. Mrs. Tilly mentioned Dr. Trigg's speaking at Wesleyan College recently, the first Negro ever to appear before the student body, and of the very fine reception he received and the excellent impression he made there.

As to a successor to Dr. Trigg, upon motion by Dr. Hancock, seconded by Msgr. McNamara,

7. IT WAS VOTED (1) That Dr. Trigg's resignation be accepted with regret; and (2) That a subcommittee be appointed by the President with power to act in selecting an Associate Director.

Report of Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Last Friday, Mrs. Tilly reported, she received a call from the President's Committee on Civil Rights, asking that she go into North Carolina to see Governor Cherry about the reported lynching, and then to go on down to Jackson. Since it developed by the next day that the intended victim had escaped, she did not go, however.

Mrs. Tilly also reported on the Conference on Human Rights and World Order, which was held in Atlanta on May 8 and 9, sponsored jointly by the Council, the Georgia Council of Church Women, and the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Approximately 200 persons registered; thirteen States were represented, as well as 67 organizations and 13 denominations. The findings growing out of the three workshops conducted during the conference are now being mimeographed and will be given wide circulation.

As has been reported by Dr. Mitchell in connection with the discussion on finances, Mrs. Tilly mentioned also the $25.00 contribution which SRC received from one Methodist Conference, almost immediately following this meeting and of the anticipated contributions from 16 other Methodist Conferences. She quoted excerpts from a number of letters she had received from persons in attendance, expressing their appreciation and gratitude that the Council helped financially to make their attendance at the conference possible.

Report of Dr. George S. Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell presented a list of the SRC employees, their positions, and their salaries. He stressed the need for enlarging the staff of research assistants by at least two, and, in addition, he said that he felt keenly the need of one employee who would devote his full-time to the matter of police protection and law enforcement. At the present time Mr. J. O. Slade is the only employee spending his full time on research, with Miss Price carrying on part-time, in addition to her heavy workload as Membership Secretary.

At the suggestion of Mr. Ray Warwick, an Associated Press reporter has spent several days in the Council office, going over material on lynching and preparing a feature story for the Sunday newspapers, which it is believed will be sent out over the AP wires from New York.

Dr. Mitchell reported, further, that Mr. Luther Jackson of Petersburg, Virginia, had been engaged to write the pamphlet on Negro Participation in voting in the South.

Rather than attempting the "measurement reports" for each State, which Dr. Mitchell sometime ago had recommended, he told the Committee that now he believes breaking those reports down into the various phases of welfare will be much more effective. As a start, he said, Mr. Slade is presently gathering data on the care of the feeble minded. Later, SRC might cover such areas as housing, farm ownership, cooperatives, migration, costs of county government, etc. The data thus gathered would be put together in quarterly pamphlets.

Dr. Mitchell stated that he felt that the Council with its present finances and staff will be able to get out, in addition to the suffrage pamphlet, a pamphlet on lynching, one on veterans education, and the police manual. Also, he emphasized every effort is being put forward to complete preparations for the radio forums.

The Committee expressed keen interest in and approval of Dr. Mitchell's plans but, again, expressed concern over the Council's financial condition.

Reduction in Number of
Meetings of Executives Committee

Dr. Mitchell proposed to the group that Executive Committee meetings now be reduced to three yearly, rather than four as at present. He stated that in the Council's first years he saw the necessity for meeting more often but now he wondered if three would not be sufficient. Should a special matter come up between times requiring the immediate attention of the members, the group of course could be called together for an emergency meeting.

Some concern was expressed by several members as to whether the staff would feel the need of advice and counsel from the Committee in making plans for the annual meeting in November. Mention was made of the proposal, made some months ago, that staff members prepare and mail out their reports before the annual meeting; and it was agreed that this should be done this year.

There was, also, a suggestion that a Program Committee be appointed to assist the staff with their plans, and there was general agreement that such a committee should be composed of the Atlanta members of the Executive Committee, with those outside the city being invited to assist if they found it convenient.

Upon motion by Dr. Hancock, seconded by Mr. Haas,

8. IT WAS VOTED that regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee hereafter be restricted to three yearly, this action to become effective at the next meeting of the Executive Committee in November, preceding the general annual meeting of the Council.

Retirement Plan for Council Staff

Dr. Mitchell told the Committee that he had been exploring the possibilities of getting at least the professional staff of the Council under some sort of retirement plan, and asked the reaction of the group to such a plan.

There was general approval of the suggestion, and upon motion of Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Miss Wilkins,

9. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Mitchell be given the Committee's approval for going ahead with his plans for obtaining specific information for initiating a retirement plan for the staff of the Council; that this information, together with his recommendations, be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

National Advisory Committee

Mr. Williams reminded the group that it had been charged specifically with the responsibility for setting up a National Advisory Committee and that, to date, no definite steps had been taken in this respect. He had mentioned it to Dr. Jackson Davis the last time he saw him and Dr. Davis had been most sympathetic with the idea.

Upon motion by Miss Wilkins, seconded by Msgr. McNamara,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the staff of the Council should proceed to prepare a proposed list of persons who should compose a National Advisory Committee, this list to be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Personnel Matters

Dr. Mitchell asked that the Committee take formal action on the resignation of Mrs. Inez B. Tillison as Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion by Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Miss Wilkins,

11. IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. Tillison's resignation be accepted with profound regrets and that she be extended the very best wishes of the Committee for success in her new undertaking.

Dr. Mitchell then requested official action on the appointment of Mrs. Agnes McKoy, to succeed Mrs. Tillison as Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion by Mr. Haas, seconded by Miss Wilkins,

12. IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. McKoy's appointment as Secretary-Treasurer be approved by the Committee.

Dr. Johnson said that, since this was his last meeting with the Executive Committee, he wanted to tell them that he had enjoyed tremendously his work with the Council; that, even though there had been some "downs", there had been many more "ups"; that the spirit of the Executive Committee and of the staff had been one of the finest things about his work with the Council; and that he feels that the Council is in good hands and will move forward.

Committee members expressed their regret at Dr. Johnson's going and were most commendatory in their remarks as to the fruitfulness of Dr. Johnson's efforts in getting the Council organized and laying a firm foundation of prestige and respect.

Adjournment 3:30.

Rubye C. Ramos
Recording Secretary
June 4, 1947

Southern Regional Council
May 20, 1947

REPORT ON SRC MEMBERSHIP

State	Number members since Nov. 1, 1946	Total number members to May 19, 1947
TOTAL	524	1,903
TOTAL IN 13 S. STATES*	497	1,778
TOTAL OUTSIDE SOUTH **	27	125
Alabama	9	76
Arkansas	3	21
Florida	220	364
Georgia	35	247
Kentucky	57	94
Louisiana	7	77
Mississippi	23	114
North Carolina	32	210
Oklahoma	0	11
South Carolina	55	156
Tennessee	19	135
Texas	17	91
Virginia	20	182
California	2	8
Connecticut	0	2
Delaware	0	1
Illinois	3	17
Iowa	0	1
Kansas	2	2
Maryland	2	6
Massachusetts	1	5
Michigan	0	2
Minnesota	0	1
Missouri	1	6
Nebraska	0	1
New Jersey	3	7
New York	6	34
Ohio	2	3
Pennsylvania	3	10
Washington, D. C.	0	12
West Virginia	1	4
Wisconsin	0	2
Liberia	0	1

*Full Members
**Associate members

In addition, 430 members of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation pay SRC $1.00 a year and receive New South.

There are 298 "individual subscribers" to New South - not SRC members.
104 people and organizations receive complimentary issues of New South each month.
374 people and organizations are on our mailing list.

May 28, 1947

Report of Harold L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director

to

The Executive Committee

The phases of the Council's work which have absorbed most of my time during the past 5 months are in the main three:

I. Vocational Education for Negro Veterans

Under Dr. George Mitchell's direction SRC's Veterans Services Division was instrumental in establishing contact between the Negro Veteran and Federal, state and local agencies in the 13 states of the Region. The Veteran learned of the services available to him, and the agencies learned that the Veterans wanted the services. The two attained a workable interrelation.

Since April 1, 1947, and as one of our 1947 objectives, I have been visiting states of the region to study the availability of Trades and Industrial education (other than agriculture) on the secondary level in institutions, public and private.

In North Carolina the work is well established. In Virginia it is expanding. In both states, regional vocational schools are in the planning. Cooperation between Regional Veterans' Administration officials and State Departments of education is the crux of the problem. North Carolina has it, Virginia is beginning to make the adjustment.

Difficulty in securing data on programs for Negro veterans has been a serious handicap. Dr. Mitchell succeeded in getting VA in Washington to revise the Hollerith tabulation cards so as to show breakdown by race. The information will now be available.

The Council continues to assist the Bi-Racial Committee of Jacksonville,

Florida in the implementation of the Survey completed May 1946. A branch of the National Urban League has been approved and other objectives are being achieved.

A major function of the Council is to interpret the regional approach to southern problems. In the performance of this function, I have spoken to the following groups:

1. Young Peoples Fellowship, All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta. (mostly Georgia Tech students)
2. "Fireside Chats", Jackson, Tennessee, Negro Agricultural officials.
3. N. C. Interracial Commission, Eastern Division, Raleigh, Western Division, Asheville, North Carolina.
4. Booker T. Washington High Night School, Atlanta.
5. Wesleyan College, Macon, Two classes in Sociology and the College Assembly.
6. Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Assembly.
7. Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg, Virginia, Commencement.

I also attended the meeting of the advisory council to the Committee on Southern Regional Studies, May 24.

The purpose of SRC is now boiled down to one brief statement: To render maximum aid to the Southern Region in the transition from emphasis on race to emphasis on the full use of regional resources--natural, social, human. Southern people like this. It is concrete, hopeful and attainable.

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GSM's outline
for Ex. Comm. Mtg., May 28, '47

Roll Call
Expected
McNamara
P. Wms.
Clement
J. Wilkins
L. Haas
C. Gilman
Chas. S. Johnson
Hancock

Weston
Young
Spencer

Minutes

Membership

Financial Report
Balance after meeting May 31 payroll - $200
Foundation income July 1 JRF 8750
GEB 4000
Other
Methodist action

State Divisions and Committees
S.C. Membership Mtg. April 19
Ga. Membership Mtg. mid-May
N.C. ExComm June 9
Miss, Ex Comm. June 13

State Meeting, June 17,18
(Clement)
Acceptances Miss, Ga., Ala. Va.

Staff Reports

GBJ Civil Rights hearing MOS-POLL
Police Manual

HLT Vocational Education
Jacksonville, and Urban League

Ray Warwick
Selling pamphlets, advtsg
other releases - human rights
Greenville
Radio Plan
Lynching story
Jx quarterly for June, and story
Tilly
Human Rights Mtg.
Other work
Havens?

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GSM's outline for
Ex-Comm. Mtg., May 28, '47

Staff list of pe and salaries
Peggy Holmes
Our need
information gatherers
police man

Veterans Services
Florida leaflet
Completed for Ala., Ark. Okla La Miss Fla
Directory

Addressed Va. Women's Society for Christian Service
Assistance to Anti-Defamation League
Police possibility through Ga. W. E. S.
Conversations with Curtis Dixon, Southern Education Foundation
Governors' Conference?

Recommended program

Political pamphlet
MOS poll
Measurement idea
1 political pamphlet
mental hygiene
housing 4 police
2 Lynching
other possibles
Law Enforcement
3 veterans education
recreation
social security
farm ownership
voluntary association
cooperative organization
migration
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Executive Committee
May 28, '47

AGENDA

Roll Call

Minutes of Meeting of February 26
Report of meeting of Special Committee March 5

Report on membership

Financial Report

State Divisions and Committees

Staff Reports

Guy B. Johnson
H. L. Trigg
Ray Warwick
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
George S. Mitchell

Recommended program

By-laws and number of meetings of Executive Committee

Other Business

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

September 17, 1947

The Executive Committee met for its regular quarterly session on September 17th, 1947, at 10:00 A. M., in the Conference Room of the Council. The following members were present:

Paul Williams — Josephine Wilkins

Leonard Haas — Charles Gillman

George S. Mitchell

Staff members attending were Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Mrs. Agnes McKoy, and Harold B. Fleming. Dr. R. L. Russell, Director of the Georgia Interracial Committee, attended the morning session by invitation.

Since fewer than a quorum of the regular members were present

(1) IT WAS VOTED that the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee would be asked to confirm any action taken by the meeting of September 17th.

Mrs. Tilly was called upon to make her report first as she was going out of town at noon. She described her work with State church groups which culminated in the strong stand taken by these bodies and the statements which they issued against injecting the question of race into any political campaign. She also told of her work with the President's Committee on Civil Rights, and of pending plans for presenting the report to him. She expressed great concern for the hate sheets which were currently appearing in such numbers, and told of a trip she had recently made to Columbus, Georgia, with Mr. George Harrison in an effort to combat them. In describing the fall meetings that had been planned, Mrs. Tilly said that she had great hopes of organizing the Alabama Committee on Interracial Cooperation into a State Division of the Council.

Problems Involved in Organizing State Divisions

Some discussion followed as to various problems involved in organizing other States into Divisions. Dr. Mitchell explained that while there was good possibility of getting Alabama in as a Division, Tennessee had only local groups now, around Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis; that Texas, organized in a Committee that is affiliated might someday also be converted.

Mr. Williams said that if the Council could get a network of State organizations all over the South that that would be the best selling point in approaching Foundations, etc. Speaking out of her wide experience Mrs. Tilly told the Committee that the best way to start would be with Church groups. Miss Wilkins advanced the idea of a minute man for every County, someone who would have overall responsibility for the County and who would send out communications from time to time to County groups to keep them activated. These groups, she felt, might in time become the nucleus for setting up a State organization.

Dr. Russell thought the idea a good one, but outlined the core of the problem involved for the State Committees in becoming Divisions of the Council. Loss of revenue -- since only one dollar of dues paid in to the Council would come back to them, would make it impossible for the local State Groups to live. He, himself, he said, very much wanted closer affiliation, and hoped that some means could be found to solve the economic problems involved. He felt that a key person could be found in most Counties, if not all, but thought that organization should come through the State, with the State reporting developments back to the regional office.

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that State Divisions were in a continual state of frustration due to lack of funds for carrying out their programs, yet the Council regularly was losing money on working State Divisions. Members at large, he said, paying $2.00 in to the Council were bearing a disproportionate share of costs, and that members who did what they were asked to do -- form a State Division actually got by cheaper than others. The formation of a State Division, he said,

usually resulted in greatly increased activity, as well as enlarged membership, and gave South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, and Kentucky as examples of this. Some States have almost defunct Committees, but Georgia and North Carolina, he pointed out, have vigorous Committees and pretty well like their present arrangement; they can raise enough money on their own name to keep going, and they are not sure they can do it if they come in. The solution, he thought, lay in raising contributions to the Council, and in raising the dues of the general membership, so that the Council would get a little more and more would go to the Division. Now, he said, there was actually a pinch on individuals who belonged to a State group, like the Georgia Committee, and also to the Council. Their dues to the Georgia Committee amount to $3.00 per year, with $1.00 coming to the Council for New South; and for their membership in the Council they must then pay an additional $1.00, so that their interracial interests cost them $4.00 per year. In the days of the Interracial Commission, he said, the Commission put subsidies into the State Committees; when it became the Council, that ceased and the Council has had to have a new basis in its relationships with State Committees ever since.

On motion made and duly seconded,

(2) IT WAS VOTED that "A committee be set up to bring in to a later meeting of the Executive Committee a proposed organizational structure anent the work in the States, and that the personnel of this committee be left to the Chair."

Financial Report.

Mrs. McKoy presented a financial report as of current date in which a deficit of approximately $5,000 appeared to be a likely possibility by the end of the year. The Council had expectations, she said, of certain funds which might reduce the deficit by as much as one-half, but they were expectations only and could not be counted at this time.

Mr. Williams asked whether, if given a choice, the Council would prefer a donation of $1,000 from two or three persons, or whether it would choose to have

250 memberships at $2.00 each. Bishop Waters at Raleigh, at his suggestion, had taken out around 100 memberships at $2.00 each, and he planned to suggest to other Bishops he knew that they do likewise. He thought it quite possible that they would give either the money or the memberships, but did not think they would do both. In the discussion which followed this suggestion Dr. Mitchell said, and the Committee agreed, that it would be better to have the memberships.

Award of the Catholic Committee of the South.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that it was the policy of the Catholic Committee of the South to give an award each year to some distinguished Southerner who had contributed to the welfare of the South. He disclosed that this year the Committee had voted to give the award to Dr. Guy Johnson, in recognition of the work he had done with the Council. Among previous recipients were George Washington Carver, David E. Lilienthal and others. He had not, he explained, made the suggestion himself, but once it had been made, he had seconded it with the utmost enthusiasm. The Executive Committee was unanimous in its expression of pleasure at hearing this news.

Resignation of Captain Spencer.

Mr. Williams next presented a letter from Captain Spencer, dated September 2, 1947 pleading the weight of his duties in Savannah and giving his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Council.

Upon motion duly seconded,

(3) IT WAS VOTED that a letter from Mr. Williams accept Vice President Spencer's resignation with regrets.

Recommendations to the Board of Directors.

(4) IT WAS FURTHER VOTED that Dr. Guy Johnson be recommended to the Board to fill the vacancy thus created, and that Dr. Harold Trigg be recommended

for election to a fourth Vice-Presidency, so that the wisdom and experience of both might be retained.

(5) IT WAS ALSO VOTED that both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg should be invited to attend the annual meeting with expenses paid by the Council.

Appointment of a Publicity Director

Dr. Mitchell brought up for discussion the appointment of a Publicity Director. He told of the work that Mr. Harold Fleming had been doing on a short term bases. He said that Mr. Fleming had done an excellent job and was, he felt, eminently well-suited to the work. The only drawback that he could see was Mr. Fleming's youth and his lack of paid experience, - the latter due to his army service. Mr. Fleming had returned to Harvard at the close of the war, had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his Junior year, and had been graduated summa cum laude. Dr. Mitchell then read from the record an impressive report of Mr. Fleming's qualifications and experience. The Committee was unanimous in its agreement that the Council should seek to retain Mr. Fleming permanently if it could, pointing out the well-known ageing and sobering effect of such responsible service with the armed forces as Mr. Fleming had had.

Letter from Mr. Tydings.

Mr. Williams told of a letter which he had received from Mr. Tydings, Chairman of the Kentucky State Division of the Council. Mr. Tydings was disturbed that the invitation to membership in the Council currently in use carried an obsolete listing of executive officers; also he was irked by the invitation's use of the word "liberal." He felt that the word had taken on unpleasant connotations. Mr. Williams said that he had written Mr. Tydings, explaining that the invitation, though obsolete in some listings, continued to be used due to the large supply on hand, the cost of paper and printing which they represented, and the fact that the

ensuing annual meeting might again change the listing of officers and of Board members even if new ones had been ordered. He would make the suggestion, he said, that the word "liberal" be deleted and "open minded" be used in its place.

Program for the coming year.

Dr. Mitchell outlined three large, and several smaller projects which he hoped to get money to develop during the coming year.

1. One of these was the police project, with an estimated cost of $37,000 to be spread over about three years. He pointed out that the heaviest expenditure would be in the first two years, and that most of it would have to be spent for putting on special people to do the job, and for their travel, printing, etc. He indicated that various expedients had been used for raising the money, and that he was not unhopeful of getting it.

2. The second project was that of developing a radio forum, probably over WSB. First discussed last spring with the key radio executives, it had had some favorable attention but as yet no decision. The proposal was that the Council, as sponsor of the program, would be given, once a month, the time now allotted to the Chicago Round Table, with the privilege also of selecting the moderator. The Council would also organize the speakers and review their manuscripts.

3. The third large project dealt with the medical aspects of the recent wave of crime involving sex delinquency, much of it across race lines. Study of cases in the Council files, Dr. Mitchell said, cases that by and large ended in lynching, or attempted lynching, and which represented but a narrow segment of such cases, had convinced him that the problem is very largely medical. He felt that the mind of the South could be turned to the real causes of such events, and the people's anger directed, not to doing brutal violence to the individual involved, but toward the constructive work of getting their States and Counties to provide

mental health examinations in school, and to provide more social case workers to be attached to institutions. Dr. Mitchell felt that the first approach should be made through Doctors themselves. He felt, too, that if a good project could be developed, the money for it would come.

Another project, which Dr. Mitchell said had already been begun, was that of a series of pamphlets which would measure the standing of the various Southern States among themselves. Four pamphlets already under way, he said, dealt with suffrage, housing, care of the feeble-minded, and social security benefits.

Plans for the membership meeting.

It was Miss Wilkins' suggestion that the time of the meeting not be taken up with staff reports, but that these reports be printed in New South and go out to the membership so that they could be read before the meeting. With these read and digested beforehand, there would then be time for full discussion by members. There would also be time for full discussion of the proposed program for the coming year.

Upon motion duly seconded,

(6) IT WAS VOTED that the above plan be followed.

Miss Wilkins also proposed the general concept of the program for the meeting as one having two parts, -- one, the continuation of present activity, with discussion of that activity; the other, the NEW activity, in which would be discussed the various proposed projects from which the membership could choose the ones they most wanted.

It was decided not to have a speaker from outside, but to give the people, who came with eagerness to talk, opportunity to swap opinions, and to discuss Southern things in general and the program and plans of the Council in particular. In making this decision the Committee were sensible of the responsibility devolving on them to make the meeting as brisk and interesting as possible.

In the discussion concerning the Resolutions Committee, it was the concensus of opinion that Mr. Haas should serve on the committee, since resolutions would thus clear automatically through the legal Counsel before being brought to the floor.

(7) IT WAS ALSO VOTED that the following rules governing the membership meeting be presented to the Board of Directors for approval:

a. No member may speak more than three minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

b. Speakers must state name and State.

c. All resolutions shall be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

After considerable and detailed discussion, the attached program for the meeting was worked out.

Upon completion of its task of planning the program for the membership meeting, the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR 1947 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Exhibition Room, the Library of Atlanta University
November 12, 1947

9:30 - 10:00	Registration	
10:00	Invocation	
10:05 - 10:07	Adoption of Order of Business	
10:07 - 10:10	Adoption of Rules	
10:10 - 10:12	Minutes of Meeting of November 13, 1946	
10:12 - 10:17	Announcements of Committees a. Resolutions b. Nominations	
10:17 - 10:45	Opening Remarks by President Williams	
10:45 - 11:05	Activity Reports	
	a. Membership. Miss Margaret Price	2. min.
	b. Publications. Mr. Harold Fleming	5. min.
	c. Conference of State Representatives	5. min.
	d. Fellows. Mr. Robert A. Thompson	3. min.
	e. National Advisory Committee Mr. V. Dabney	5. min.
11:05 - 11:10	Finance - Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer a. Report on 1947 b. Action on Report c. Presentation of budget for 1948	
11:10 - 11:40	Discussion of 1947 Activities. Led by George S. Mitchell, Executive Director	
11:40 - 11:45	Interval	
11:45 - 12:15	Proposed 1948 Program. George S. Mitchell	
12:15 - 12:30	Interval	
	12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon	
1:30 - 2:15	Action on 1948 Program. Led by a member of the Executive Committee	
2:15 - 2:45	Action on 1948 Budget. Led by Dr. W. W. Alexander and President F. D. Patterson	
2:45 - 3:30	Reading of and Action on Resolutions. Led by Chairman of Resolutions Committee	
3:30 - 3:45	Election of Board of Directors. Led by Chairman of Nominations Committee	
3:45 - 4:00	Other Business	
4:00	Adjournment	

FINANCIAL REPORT
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL INC
September 17, 1947

Current cash balance, September 17, 1947		$ 2,386.84
Accounts Receivable:		
Payments for literature	$ 364.88	
Estimated dues and contributions.	200.00	
		2,951.72
Accounts payable (Estimated)		1,146.70
		1,805.02
Money expected from Julius Rosenwald Fund Oct.1.		2,500.00
		4,305.02
Probable expenses, September 17th to Jan.1.		9,200.00
Probable deficit January 1, 1948.		4,894.98

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 17, 1947, the President of the Council was empowered to appoint a committee to consider and bring in recommendations on relationships of State Committees and local groups with the Council.

Mr. Williams appointed Miss Josephine Wilkins, Mrs. Alice M. Spearman, Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson, Dr. R. L. Russell, and George Mitchell. Miss Wilkins found it impossible to be present for the meeting. The Committee met at Greenwood, South Carolina, October 31.

Much discussion was given to the matter of local groups which might wish to affiliate with the Council, but whose members did not wish to make the additional sacrifice involved in becoming members of the Council directly. Florida has some local interracial groups who would like this arrangement, and in South Carolina it has been suggested that some private and some public welfare agencies would wish a status as agency contributors to the Council.

The Committee was on the whole of the opinion that local bodies ought to affiliate through individual membership, preferably of all members. Where individual persons, possibly officers in such local bodies wished to join the Council, in order to receive for their agencies or organizations the Council's publications, that should be welcomed. But some danger was seen in giving to local bodies a stated link with the Council, when the Council could foresee for itself only a weak voice in the policy decisions of such bodies.

The Committee therefore agreed:

In States with State Divisions of the SRC, where local organizations interracial in character wish to join the Council their members will be expected to take out individual memberships in the Council, thus automatically becoming members of the State Division. It is recommended that local chapters of the Council charge their members some additional dues in order to afford

a local treasury.

Where agencies or organizations wish direct group affiliation (through State Divisions or affiliated State Interracial Committees where such exist) consideration will be given to the working out of special affiliation agreements, under Article III, Section 2 of the by-laws of the Council:

> "Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe".

Meanwhile, the Council and its State Divisions and affiliated Interracial Committees are of course free to accept contributions, (without agency membership) from interested agencies.

Further discussion was had on the relationship of affiliated State Interracial Committees to the Council. Such Committees (of which there are three - North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas) collect their own dues, and retain the entirety of these dues in their State Committee treasuries. They exchange membership lists with the Council, and their officers are under stated obligation to become members of the Council. In addition, the Council recruits such members in these States as it can, most but not all of them being persons already members of the State Interracial Committee. From these Council members the Council receives its standard dues of $2.00, of which one dollar covers subscription to New South. The affiliated State Committees do in practice urge their own members to add a dollar to their Committee dues in order that the sum of these dollars may be sent on to the Council as subscription for such Committee members to New South.

Thus the greater part of the members of the Georgia Interracial Committee are already subscribers to New South. A considerable proportion of the North Carolina Committee's members are subscribers.

Were either of these Committees to become Divisions of the Council the extra cost involved is only the sum need to subscribe to New South for those Committee members not already such subscribers.

In Georgia this gap is small - perhaps 300 members. In North Carolina it is larger, but the Committee there might give consideration to lump-sum subscription for all its members, particularly if the Council would provide for a limited time free, "cultivation" subscriptions.

Thus, in summary, affiliated State Committees can become Divisions of the Council at no greater cost than payment of subscriptions to New South for their non-subscribing members. This holds true under present dues; if Council dues were raised additional cost would be involved.

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Suggested Agenda.

Ex. Comm. Nov. 11, '47
10 AM
63 Auburn Ave.

Invocation

Selection of Chairman for the meeting

Minutes of meeting of Sep. 17, 1947

Confirmation of business transacted in absence of a quorum Sep. 17

Findings of Conference of State Representatives

Finance Report, 1947

1948 Program

1948 Budget

Selection of a member of the ~~Exxxxxx~~ Comm. to make brief report (at about 2.10 PM.) for the Cmm. to Board.

Next date for meeting of Executive Committee, and other meetings in 1948

I recommend late February
mid-June
November

Other business
- tax exemption - political activity

Adjournment

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Suggested Agenda for

Meeting of the Executive Committee

of the

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

63 Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

November 11, 1947

10:00 A. M.

1. Invocation
2. Selection of Chairman for the meeting
3. Minutes of Meeting of September 17, 1947
4. Confirmation of business transacted in absence of a quorum, September 17
5. Findings of Conference of State Representatives
6. Finance Report, 1947
7. 1948 Program
8. 1948 Budget
9. Selection of a Member of the Executive Committee to make the report to Board this afternoon
10. Dates for next meeting, and other 1948 meetings
11. Other business
12. Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee

November 11, 1947

The Executive Committee met in the SRC Conference Room at 10:30 A. M. on November 11, 1947. The following were present:

Dr. Harold Trigg	Msgr. T. James McNamara
Mr. Paul D. Williams	Dr. Gordon Hancock
Mr. Leonard Haas	Miss Josephine Wilkins
Dr. Rufus E. Clement	Dr. George S. Mitchell

Mrs. Henry Havens and Mrs. Agnes McKoy also attended the meeting.

In the absence of Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul D. Williams. Dr. Gordon B. Hancock gave the invocation.

On motion made by Mr. Leonard Haas and duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Paul D. Williams serve as chairman for the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1947

The minutes of the meeting of September 17, 1947, were read by Mrs. Agnes McKoy. Since fewer than a quorum of the regular members were present at that meeting, the following motions which had come up in that group were considered for the purpose of obtaining a quorum vote:

"On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that 'A committee be set up to bring in to a later meeting of the Executive Committee a proposed

organizational structure anent the work in the States, and that the personnel of this committee be left to the Chair.'

"On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee recommend to the Board acceptance of Vice President Spencer's resignation, with regrets; that Dr. Guy Johnson be recommended to the Board to fill the vacancy thus created, and that Dr. Harold Trigg be recommended for election to a fourth Vice-Presidency, so that the wisdom and experience of both might be retained.

"On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg should be invited to attend the annual meeting with expenses paid by the Council.

"On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that since staff reports are printed in the November issue of New South and can be digested beforehand, the membership meeting should be devoted to discussion by the members of plans for future programs of SRC.

"On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the September 17 meeting be approved in toto and that all motions voted on at that time be accepted."

There was discussion on the importance of complete minutes. Miss Wilkins felt that only action should be recorded, with a copy of the secretary's notes on the meeting retained, but without extended summary. It was decided, however, by the Chairman and the members of the Committee, that minutes reviewing discussion were important in keeping the membership informed and conscious of the work that was going on in the SRC.

The Chairman commented on the fact that the reports on progress contained in New South might not have reached members in time to dispense with actual yearly summaries at the annual meeting. He regretted that this information was not in the hands of the membership in time

for them to familiarize themselves with the reports; however, it was noted that there would be time for study of this information prior to the Wednesday meeting.

FINDINGS OF CONFERENCE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Mitchell read the report of the committee appointed to bring in recommendations on relationships of state committees and local groups with the Council. The committee reported that those interracial committees which wish to affiliate with the Council as State Divisions could do so with no greater expense than the payment of subscriptions to the New South for all non-subscribing members. Some danger was seen in giving to local organizations a stated link with the Council when the Council could foresee for itself only a weak voice in the policy decisions of such bodies.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

7. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Mitchell's report be accepted as read.

The Chairman complimented the committee on this report.

FINANCE REPORT, 1947

The Finance Report for 1947 was read by Mrs. Agnes McKoy, indicating a probable operating deficit of almost five thousand dollars by the end of the year. In the resulting discussion various persons and organizations which might help the Council with funds were listed by those present.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be permitted

and authorized to borrow funds at his discretion as they are needed.

Dr. Mitchell stated that he would like to have a full-time research assistant. Mr. Williams said that we want to build up a respectable budget so that we can pay a higher rate to the people who fall in the lower brackets in the SRC staff.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director make proper and suitable increases of salaries at his discretion.

On motion made by Mr. Clement and duly seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the budget for 1948 be approved as read.

REPORT TO THE BOARD FOR AFTERNOON MEETING

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

11. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Wilkins be assigned the duty of making the report to the Board in the afternoon meeting on the Executive Committee meetings held in 1947.

DATES FOR 1948 MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Mitchell suggested that the committee meetings be held late in February, middle of June, and in November. Plans for the annual meeting should be made in June if the plan as used for this year's meeting is successful. If this arrangement does not work out this year, it will be necessary to hold a separate meeting to discuss plans for the 1948 Annual Meeting. Dr. Mitchell stated that since the Council is well established now, three meetings annually would be sufficient to carry on the business of the SRC.

On motion made by Msgr. McNamara and duly seconded,

12. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee meet three times annually.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Williams brought to the attention of the Committee that according to the by-laws, confirmation should be made of the Executive Director, Associate Director, and Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion made by Dr. Clement and duly seconded,

13. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee recommend the confirmation of the present staff to be maintained.

Dr. Clement discussed the appointment of a new Associate Director to replace Dr. Trigg. The previously assigned committee will get together for considerations on this appointment.

The questions was raised as to whether the by-laws would have to be amended in order for a fourth vice-President to serve on the Executive Committee. Mr. Haas stated that according to the present by-laws the number of vice-Presidents serving on the Committee was limited to three.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

14. IT WAS VOTED to recommend amendment of the by-laws by striking out the word "three" in Article 5, Section I, appearing before the words "Vice-Presidents" and substituting the word "the."

On motion made by Dr. Clement and duly seconded,

15. IT WAS VOTED that the following resolution be presented at the Membership Meeting:

> "We commend the President for having the foresight to appoint the Civil Rights Commission and the Committee for its fairmindedness and its great effort to get at the facts and present them in an impartial manner. We commend the report to the serious study of each citizen in the South and in the Nation."

Dr. Mitchell read a portion of his report prepared for the Membership Meeting which dealt with political activity by the SRC. The Executive Committee agreed with Dr. Mitchell that the membership should be cautioned against substantial political activity in the name of the SRC.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Agnes McKoy
(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

Miss Havens commented on the Spartenburg plan for raising funds and recommended it highly to the Finance Committee for study. It was decided that the question of membership be brought up at the Membership Meeting---how the members can work for substantial increases. A permanent membership committee was suggested.

Mr. Williams's copy. SRC-Exec Comm.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXTRACT OF INSTRUCTIONS

From Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
February 26, 1947:

"3. IT WAS VOTED that a statement expressing our regret over the passage of the Georgia White Primary law and reaffirming our policy on this moral issue be prepared by the Executive Director and given to the press."

From Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
May 28, 1947:

"3. IT WAS VOTED that Council headquarters proceed to draft a letter to members of the Board of Directors, requesting that each member attempt to obtain new members for the Council; this letter to go out over the signature of the President, Mr. Williams. Later, if thought advisable, this idea will be extended to the Honorary Fellows, and possibly to other members of SRC." Done.

"4. IT WAS VOTED that a letter be formulated, in which there would be a direct appeal to Judaism, Catholicism, and Protestantism, to unite in this southwide regional program; that these leaders as individuals be invited to membership on the Council; and that they be urged to bring the Council's program to the attention of their respective followings. These letters to be individually typed, with a formal printed invitation enclosed carrying the list of the Officers and Board members of the Council. Each member of the Executive Committee to be asked to furnish Council headquarters with a list of those to receive such a letter over his or her signature." not done

"5. IT WAS VOTED that each Board member be contacted as to his or her feeling on the use of titles, occupations, or official connections in the listing of names of Board members on the printed formal invitations. If Board members approve, Council headquarters will proceed with the new printing of these invitations." not done and old envelopes.

"6. IT WAS VOTED that the SRC make application, through the proper Government agency, for a formal ruling on its being a tax exempt organization." Done

Executive Committee Meeting, May 28, 1947 (continued)

"9. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Mitchell be given the Committee's approval for going ahead with his plans for obtaining specific information for initiating a retirement plan for the staff of the Council; that this information, together with his recommendations, be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee." not done

"10. IT WAS VOTED that the staff of the Council should proceed to prepare a proposed list of persons who should compose a National Advisory Committee, this list to be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee." pll etc did

From Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, September 17, 1947:

"2. IT WAS VOTED that 'A committee be set up to bring in to a later meeting of the Executive Committee a proposed organizational structure anent the work in the States, and that the personnel of this committee be left to the Chair.'" done

"3. IT WAS VOTED that recommendation be made to the Board that Vice President Spencer's resignation be accepted with regrets." done

"4. IT WAS FURTHER VOTED that Dr. Guy Johnson be recommended to the Board to fill the vacancy thus created, and that Dr. Harold Trigg be recommended for election to a fourth Vice-Presidency, so that the wisdom and experience of both might be retained." done

"5. IT WAS ALSO VOTED that both Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg should be invited to attend the annual meeting with expenses paid by the Council." done

"6. IT WAS VOTED that the above plan (for printing of staff reports in New South, with distribution to membership before Annual Meeting) be followed." done

From Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
November 11, 1947:

"9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director make proper and suitable increases of salaries at his discretion." Done

"11. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Wilkins be assigned the duty of making the report to the Board in the afternoon meeting on the Executive Committee meetings held in 1947." Done.

From Minutes of Board Meeting, November 11, 1947:

"7. IT WAS VOTED that a committee of the Board be appointed to go into the whole matter of segregation and the type of statement that could be made on the costs, injustices, and suggested improvements, with the consultation of Dr. Reid; and that the committee estimate the cost of such a publication." not Done. should be

"12. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of standing committees, as discussed above, be recommended to the Executive Committee through the membership meeting, with the instruction that the Executive Committee shall study the program and personnel of this body and create appropriate standing committees to work constantly with the staff and on the program." Done. not Done

From Minutes of Board Meeting, November 12, 1947:

"4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be asked to bring to the next Executive Committee meeting a concise report of all instructions given by the membership and by the Board in the two days of meetings." Done.

"7. IT WAS VOTED that this group (Dr. Washington, Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Spearman) be accepted as the Nominations Committee to bring in to the Board nominations for members of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Washington be named as chairman of the Committee." Done.

"8. IT WAS VOTED that the committee of three bring in the nominations for the officers of the Council. 1/"

"1/ The Council's officers - President and Vice-Presidents - are elected annually by the Board."

Board Meeting, November 12, 1947 (continued)

"9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be requested to send to the Board, not less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting a proposed program and the proposed budget for the coming year."

"10. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of appointing a Resolutions Committee be referred to the Executive Committee for immediate action at their first scheduled meeting."

From Minutes of Annual Meeting, November 12, 1947:

"5. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the Council go on record as thanking the president (President Paul D. Williams) and endorsing the president's speech, and that his speech be printed and circulated."

"7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be instructed to devote a pamphlet to covering the status of civil rights laws and the practical administration of such laws as they affect civil rights in the South, and that this pamphlet be given priority among subjects."

"8. IT WAS VOTED that the SRC sponsor a meeting with the guidance of Mrs. Tilly and her church women's groups, to make known in the South what is in the Civil Rights Report and that all the people who are interested in the program be invited, providing funds can be raised to sponsor the meeting."

"9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be instructed to publish a pamphlet on vocational education, in agriculture and in industry."

"12. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be instructed to set up a new Finance Committee."

"13. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be so instructed to set up a committee to go in person for a hearing with the above named persons (State Superintendents of Public Instruction in the Southern states, General Omar N. Bradley, and President Truman)."

"14. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution ('that the SRC Executive be requested to develop a plan for increasing membership of the Council') be adopted."

Annual Meeting, November 12, 1947 (continued)

"15. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution ('that the State Divisions and affiliates of SRC be requested to nominate not more than ten Honorary Fellows from each state . . .') be adopted." being done

"16. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution ('that the Executive Committee be instructed to devise and make recommendations to the Board for means of recognition of such persons in the South as make outstanding contributions to the progress of the Region, and that such citations be given ample publicity in the press') be adopted." not done should be being worked on

"18. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution ('that the SRC be urged to promote programs of intercultural education through the existing educational facilities of the region') be adopted."

"19. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution ('that the SRC commend the President of the United States for appointing the distinguished Committee on Civil Rights and urge that the people of the South and of the Nation give most thoughtful consideration to the Committee's report . . .') be adopted." done.

SCHEDULE OF PLEDGES ON 1947 OPERATING DEFICIT

Name	Amount Pledged	Paid in 1947	Paid in 1948	Owing
Dr. Gordon Hancock	$ 100.00	$ 65.00	$ 25.00	$ 10.00
Mr. Leonard Haas	200.00	200.00		
Dr. Guy Johnson	100.00	100.00		
Msgr. T. James McNamara	100.00	100.00		
Father Vincent O'Connell	50.00			50.00
Mr. G. D. Rogers	500.00	200.00	223.00	77.00
Mr. J. M. Tydings	100.00		25.00	75.00
Mr. Paul Williams	200.00		25.00	175.00
	$ 1,350.00	$ 665.00	$ 298.00	$ 387.00

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947-48 OF THE CHAIRMAN

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee, in addition to its meeting just before the membership meeting in 1947, met February 25, 1948, and September 15, 1948.

The Executive Committee took the following major actions:

Arranged the appointment of a three-man advisory committee in an effort to replace in part the work of an associate director.

Explored with care the proposal to establish a national advisory committee. Many names were selected, and the committee is prepared to further this move when the finances of the Council appear more stable.

Arranged that the several state divisions and affiliated interracial committees be asked to contribute their ideas for program for the Council for 1949.

Appointed a finance committee composed of Mr. Paul Williams, Dr. Charles Johnson, Mr. J. M. Tydings, Dr. Will W. Alexander, and Mr. John Wheeler.

Explored the question of an honor award and left decision as to selection of persons to be honored at some future date to the Executive Committee.

Reviewed and approved the efforts of the staff to obtain a commitment from the Southern Governors in February for a positive and constructive program of action in the field of civil and human rights.

Approved the development of a manual for community self-surveys.

Approved the preparation of a manual for newspaper offices on "Race in the News."

Approved the preparation of a pamphlet on southern state legislation in the field of farm land leases.

Issued with its approval the September 15 statement on civil rights

called "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy" as its recommendation on the Council's stand with regard to the civil rights program.

Recommended continuance of the present executive director and secretary-treasurer for 1948.

Retained a new auditor.

Recommended to the Board and to the membership an increase in dues to $3.00 a year. Subscription to New South to be $1.50; joint membership $4.00. Half of all memberships from states with state divisions to be returned to those divisions.

Arranged the tentative selection of additional Fellows.

As to two or three directions from the Board, no action was taken:

The Board meeting of November 11, 1947 had ordered that "a committee of the Board be appointed to go into the whole matter of segregation and the type of statement to be made on the cost, injustices, and suggested improvements with the consultation of Dr. Ira Reid; and that the committee estimate the cost of such a publication."

The executive director delayed any recommendation to the Executive Committee on this until he could himself review the mass of material collected earlier and is still delinquent in this matter. It is suggested that the services of the new advisory committee will make possible an early analysis of the material and report to the Executive Committee.

The Board also recommended that a variety of standing committees from the Board and from the membership be appointed to work constantly with the staff on various stages of the program. A careful analysis of the Board membership has been made to this end, but the executive committee has not pressed selection of such standing committees.

The annual meeting of November 12, 1947, had instructed the staff to produce a pamphlet on vocational education in agriculture and industry. No action has thus far been taken on this.

The membership meeting also instructed the Executive Committee to set up a committee to go in person for a hearing with the administrators of the Veterans' Administration and with the President of the United States, on shortcomings of the Veterans' Administration in the matter of the employment of Negro personnel and on enlargement of services to Negro veterans. The executive director from time to time made efforts to obtain sufficient facts to enable a useful presentation, but found it impossible to get them without very expensive travel to all of the southern state capitals and to many offices of the Veterans' Administration. In the absence of funds to do this, the matter was allowed to wait. It may well be that the recent Executive Order attempting to establish fair employment practices within the federal government will have the desired effect on the personnel policies of the Veterans' Administration.

Needless to say, a great part of the time of each meeting of the executive committee was taken up with efforts to raise funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Executive Committee

January 29, 1946

SPC Bd Membership

Mr. Watts Hill
111 Corcoran Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 18. Of course, we are disappointed that you cannot serve as a member of our Board of Directors, but we quite understand how you feel about belonging to something to which you cannot actually give some time.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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GEORGE WATTS HILL
111 CORCORAN STREET
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

18, January 1946

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 62 Auban Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

May I apologize for my discourtesy in failing to answer your kind invitation to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the SRC, but very unfortunately, I have been on the move between New York, Washington and North Carolina and have not been able to handle my correspondence as satisfactorily as I should.

While I appreciate your invitation, I do not feel that it would be fair to your organization to have me become a member in name only and I am unable to take an active part in the Council. I am always glad to help Howard Odum in any of his activities and appreciate his presenting my name, but must forego at this time accepting your kind invitation.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Watts Hill

Watts Hill

SRC Bd Mem

January 16, 1946

Mr. George Watts Hill
111 Corcoran Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hill:

Sometime ago we invited you to accept membership on the Board of Directors of SRC. No doubt the pressure of your duties has prevented your giving attention to this matter. We are preparing the list of our 1946 Board members for publication and we are very anxious to know whether you are willing to accept membership on the Board.

I believe we sent you some literature about the Council when we wrote you in November. If you would like to have further information, I hope that you will get in touch with Dr. Howard W. Odum, of Chapel Hill. He was one of the moving spirits in the formation of the Council and served as its President during 1944 and 1945. It was Dr. Odum and Dr. N. C. Newbold, who presented your name to the Nominating Committee.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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SRC Board membership

November 20, 1945

Mr. George Watts Hill
111 Corcoran Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hill:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

For your information, the Board holds two regular meetings annually. One of these is held on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and the other is held immediately on the adjournment of the annual meeting. The time of the annual meeting is the second Wednesday in November. Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

Since the Council is a relatively young organization, having begun operation in February, 1944, it may be that you are not familiar with its purposes and program. I am, therefore, sending some literature which will serve to acquaint you with the background and purposes of the Council. Let me call your attention especially to pamphlet number one, entitled The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Purpose, and to the leaflet which is inserted therein. The list of Board members which you will find at the end of this pamphlet has been considerably increased. The enclosed invitation to membership contains a brief statement about the work of the Council. If there is any further information which you would like to have, won't you please let me know.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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March 5, 1946

Board

Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

Dr. Johnson had hoped to acknowledge your telegram, saying that you would accept membership in the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. He has been so involved in meetings here and elsewhere, however, that he has been delayed in writing you.

I want you to know how happy I was, personally, to be able to add your name to our list of Board members. It gives me a feeling of pride to have the leaders of my own church support this work. I hope very much that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at the next meeting of the Board.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

March 13, 1946

Board

Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

Our by-laws provide for a meeting of the Board of Directors on the day preceding the annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, which is held on the second Wednesday in November. This year, therefore, the Board will meet on November 12 and the members on November 13. We hope very much that you can be with us at that time.

It may be necessary to hold a semi-annual meeting of the Board early in the summer, but this is not yet a certainty. You will be notified promptly, however, if and when the date of a special meeting is set.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

Diocese of North Carolina
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
RALEIGH, N. C.

RT. REV. EDWIN A. PENICK, D. D.
802 HILLSBORO STREET

March 7, 1946

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I want you to know how much I appreciate your letter of March 5th, in which you welcome me to membership in the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I earnestly hope that I shall be able to attend occasional meetings, at any rate.

Won't you be good enough to let me know as far in advance as possible whenever meetings are planned.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin A. Penick

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March 14, 1946

Bishop Edwin A. Penick
802 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Penick:

We were delighted to have your telegram some time ago saying that you are accepting election to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

Our Board of Directors meets on the day preceding the annual meeting of members, which takes place on the second Wednesday in November, and again immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of members. Special meetings are called by the president. It is possible that there will be a special meeting of the Board some time this spring or summer.

On February 28 we had a meeting of directors of the various state interracial commissions in the South. It was a very helpful meeting. We invited Dr. Newbold to represent North Carolina, but since he was unable to come, Mr. Ferguson attended in his place. As our staff increases, we are going to be able to work in closer cooperation with the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

Highest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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RT. REV. EDWIN A. PENICK, D. D.
802 HILLSBORO STREET

January 18, 1946

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter of the 16th has been received.

Bishop Penick left this morning for a two-weeks' speaking tour of Minnesota. As he will be moving from place to place every day, I shall not try to forward your letter, but will bring it to his attention promptly upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Cicely C. Browne

Secretary to Bishop Penick

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January 16, 1946

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SRC Board mailing

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Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

May 6, 1946

Dear Board Member:

You will recall that at the annual meeting in November it was voted that the Executive Committee should meet once each quarter, beginning in February 1946. The minutes of the meeting which was held in the Council's Conference Room on Wednesday February 27 are enclosed herewith. According to the schedule which has been set up, the Committee will hold its next meeting on the fourth Wednesday in May.

You will be glad to know that since the February meeting the South Carolina Committee on Interracial Cooperation has voted to become a State Division of the Council. As stated in the minutes, we also have State Divisions in Florida and Mississippi, and plans are now under way for setting up a division in Louisiana.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

The first quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10 A. M. Wednesday February 27, 1946. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Paul D. Williams, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry Havens of the field staff. Thomas C. Allen, Director of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, who was visiting the SRC, was asked to sit with the Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Guy B. Johnson in the absence of the Chairman, Charles S. Johnson, who is en route to Japan as a member of the educational mission to advise General MacArthur on the organization and administration of a democratic system of education in that country. Mr. Williams, the new President of the Council, was introduced and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams be asked to preside over the meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, inasmuch as copies were mailed to the members.

Mr. Williams said that he was very glad to have this opportunity to meet with "the official family of the Southern Regional Council and to express gratitude for being elected to the presidency of the organization." He paid tribute to Dr. Howard W. Odum, the Council's first president, and said that he felt very humble to follow in his footsteps.

On a recent trip to Chicago Mr. Williams was invited by Dr. Will W. Alexander to meet with him, Mr. Edwin R. Embree, and Dr. Charles S. Johnson at the Julius Rosenwald Fund, where he had an excellent opportunity to talk with them about the problems of the SRC. Dr. Alexander later told Mr. Williams that the discussion had clarified some questions in Mr. Embree's mind and that he thought Mr. Embree was convinced of the part the Council is to play "in the upsurge of the South."

After these introductory remarks, other items on the agenda were taken up as follows:

PERSONNEL

Mr. Williams said that when he first visited the Council office before Christmas he was convinced that at least one additional staff member was needed to take some of the load off the Executive Directors. It was his opinion that Mr. Warwick would have to devote more and more time to the preparation of NEW SOUTH, particularly the special quarterly issues, and to other Council publications. Dr. Johnson said he agreed with Mr. Williams that another mature, well-qualified person is needed to help with the program. He told the Committee that he had conferred with a very able young man, a native of Louisiana now living in Washington, D. C., who was highly recommended to us, and who was considering the possibility of coming on our staff. If he does, Dr. Johnson said, he will serve first as a financial promoter to develop support particularly in the South and will be assigned

later to other projects for which he has special qualifications.

VETERANS SERVICE

Dr. Johnson explained that Dr. George S. Mitchell had planned to be present to report in person on the activities of the Veterans Service Division of the Council. It was thought wise, however, to send someone to Columbia, Tennessee, to investigate the race riot which was reported there the day before the meeting and, as he was especially interested in the fact that returned veterans were involved in the disturbance, Dr. Mitchell went to look into the situation while it was fresh. Dr. Johnson, therefore, read a brief statement prepared recently by Dr. Mitchell with reference to the Veterans Service program. (See attached.) The Committee also had an opportunity to see photographs, taken at the request of Dr. Mitchell, showing veterans participating in on-the-job training in the vicinity of Atlanta and elsewhere in the region.

Dr. Clement reported that he had been conferring with the Veterans Administration with a view to opening a Veterans Guidance Center at Atlanta University. He said it looked now as though a center might be established there.

Mr. Allen called attention to the fact that in on-the-job training it is necessary for the veterans to find their own jobs before they can apply for training. He suggested that this is one point at which they should be given help.

Dr. Johnson told of interesting reports which have been received from Mr. Harry Wright, of the Veterans Service staff, and suggested that copies might be sent to members of the Executive Committee. (See attached.) He said he felt that congratulations should be extended to Dr. Mitchell and other members of the Veterans Service staff for the progress which they have made.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dr. Johnson reminded the Committee that this was the study which was reported tentatively at the annual meeting in November. He said that "we are now at the point of seeing such people as the managers of the railway stations, officials of the Georgia Power Company, the health department, the mayor, and others to lay before them the findings of the study." As there are a few places in which improvement in the transportation situation has already been made, Dr. Johnson said that he and Dr. Trigg felt that it was very important for us to check further so as not to be caught in the position of going to these people to report situations which have been improved.

Dr. Johnson reported that, following instructions of the annual meeting that an effort be made to find money for extending this kind of service to other communities, he and Dr. Reid went to New York where they had a good interview with Mr. John Dollard of the Carnegie Corporation. Mr. Dollard felt that he could not recommend a grant for the project just as a survey, but said that he would like to wait to find what concrete results come out of the Atlanta study. It was Dr. Johnson's opinion that funds might be secured if we can show that improvement is made as a result of the survey. Mr. Williams thought that we should know within the next six months what these results are, and that if this necessitates the employment of extra help we should endeavor to find the money "to push it along as rapidly as possible."

JACKSONVILLE SURVEY

Dr. Johnson recalled that at the annual meeting it was announced that the

Council had been asked by a committee in Jacksonville, Florida, to assist with a survey of Negro community life in that city. He said that he and Dr. Trigg had made three or four trips to Jacksonville to advise with those who are conducting the survey. At his suggestion, Mrs. Havens told something of the background of the project. She explained that a group of Jacksonville citizens who had been very much interested in a survey of the Negro community in Miami finally decided to make a similar study in Jacksonville and to invite the SRC to act as consultants. Mrs. Havens said she thought that the success of the survey, which is being financed by a grant from the Community Fund, is due to the fact that the actual work is being done by Florida people. Other Florida communities, she said, have asked for similar help from the Council, and it was her opinion that perhaps the greatest advantage to the SRC in assisting with this Jacksonville survey is that it is setting a pattern for the improvement of community life.

Mr. Williams thought that it would be well to have a report of the bare essentials of the completed survey prepared so that not only the Executive Committee but the Board of Directors might see it. Dr. Johnson replied that the Jacksonville committee plans to publish the report in full and that he thought the Council might prepare a leaflet or pamphlet to send out with the report, explaining the technique and telling of the results of the survey. The topics covered by the survey, he said, are: housing, health and medical care, education, industry and employment, transportation, law enforcement and civil rights, recreation and culture, and welfare agencies.

Mr. Williams asked whether the report might be put in the hands of some journalist. Mrs. Havens replied that Jacksonville is in a fortunate position just now, since Mr. Ed Ray, the new Chairman of the Florida Division of the Council, is Editor of The Tampa Times and President of the State Editors' Association.

ALLATOONA RECREATIONAL PROJECT

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that in January a letter was received from a white lawyer in Cartersville, Georgia, who is a member of the Council, with regard to the possibility of getting a recreational project for Negroes at the new Allatoona dam, thirty or forty miles northwest of Atlanta. This lawyer wondered whether the Council might send a representative to assist in the preparation of a plan to be presented to the Army engineers in support of a request for a project for Negroes. Dr. Trigg, who went to Cartersville, reported that the Allatoona project is one of the services that the U. S. Army Engineers planned for the development of hydro-electric power and flood control, and the U. S. Park Service, he said, proposes to develop recreational areas. He explained that they are setting aside about four or five hundred acres for recreational purposes along the lake that is being formed. It was Dr. Trigg's opinion that one objective of the Council should be to get the white and Negro leaders of a community to form the habit of getting together on projects that concern both. He said that he had "asked the Federal people to let us in on all their projects in any state in the South in which they work." The Federal Park Service selects the site for a recreational center, Dr. Trigg explained, and the State Park Service is responsible for its development, so that "if there is any problem, it will be with the State Service." Dr. Trigg thought it would be desirable for a group of Atlanta Negroes to go to see the State Park Commissioner concerning provisions for Negroes in the State parks.

NEGRO POLICE

Dr. Johnson reported that we are cooperating in the effort to have Negro police appointed in Southern communities. He said that Asheville, North Carolina, recently voted to add Negroes to their police force. As was stated at the annual meeting in November, Negro police have also been added to the force in Norfolk, Virginia, largely as a result of the effort of a local Woman's Interracial Committee. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that although we have not yet been able to make much headway in Atlanta we are continuing our efforts. He reported that Mrs. M. E. Tilly, of our field staff, had worked with a number of women's organizations and that some of them had gone on record as favoring the use of Negro police. He said, further, that we had cooperated recently with the Atlanta Association of University Women who have had two programs on the subject this winter, and that we secured Mr. Henry Yancey, City Manager of Greensboro, North Carolina, as the speaker for one of the meetings.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council had supplied a petition which a group of Negro citizens has circulated and which they had presented to the City Council, asking that Negroes be added to the Atlanta police force.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that some inquiry might be made into the use of the auxiliary police who were used during the war.

STATE DIVISIONS OF SRC

Dr. Johnson reminded the members that we are committed to the development of state divisions of the Council wherever possible and that we now have two divisions: Florida and Mississippi. Florida is getting under way with Mr. Ed Ray, Editor of The Tampa Times, serving as Chairman. A meeting of the Florida Division will be held in the new broadcasting studio of the Times within the next two months, Dr. Johnson said. The Mississippi Committee on Interracial Cooperation, at its meeting on February 8, voted to become a State Division of the Council, and we are now in the process of finding a chairman.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Kentucky Committee would like to become a division of the Council. As they are very much interested in active legislative work at the present time, however, it is doubtful that they will come in as a State division just now. Since the Council and its divisions cannot participate in legislative matters under its charter, it was thought that the Kentucky Committee should become an affiliate of the Council rather than a state division. This would leave it free to pursue its legislative program.

We now have plans for organizing State divisions in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee, Dr. Johnson said. In North Carolina the State Committee has been in an unsettled state, but Dr. N. C. Newbold is trying to revitalize the organization and perhaps to combine it with the Division on Cooperation in Education and Race Relations. The Virginia Committee is a cooperating organization, he said.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Williams congratulated Mr. Warwick on the first two issues of NEW SOUTH, which he thought had a much more attractive format than the former monthly paper. He suggested that it might be helpful if we could get a newspaper man to prepare a series of articles concerning the SRC -- "its objectives, its democratic processes, its Christian ideals, its personnel." Mr. Warwick said that Mr. Caldwell of the

Associated Press had said that he wanted to send to his member papers very soon a special article on the SRC.

Mr. Williams also suggested that for one of the quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH we have "the finest, most courageous leaders of the three major faiths to prepare articles which would be a kind of appeal to the conscience of their respective religious bodies for a different attitude toward our Negro brethren."

Mrs. Havens said that when she and Dr. Johnson visited the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee, last year, the Dean expressed the opinion that not enough information concerning this work was getting into the theological schools of the South. He urged that more help be given the young men who are studying in these schools.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dr. Johnson reported that we had recently sent out between five and ten thousand cultivation leaflets as a part of the system which has been developed for cultivating prospective members. Mr. Williams asked that we consider the advisability of having a small membership card printed.

FELLOWS

Mr. Williams said it had occurred to him that if we could bring the SRC Fellows to Atlanta for a sort of clinic of one or two days they would feel that they were an active part of the Council family and would be able to do a much better job in the field. He asked whether the Committee would approve of holding such a clinic.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that a clinic be held for the Fellows provided funds can be found to cover the expense.

SURVEY OF POLICE SYSTEMS

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council is committed to make a study of police systems provided additional funds and a suitable person for the work can be secured.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Williams said that in reading past minutes of the Council he had noticed that provision was made for a National Advisory Board to act as a cooperating agency, but that nothing had been done toward setting up such a Board. It was his feeling that "if we had a National Advisory Board which would meet not more than once a year with a group of officers and members of the SRC we would be complementing certain organizations that are doing over-all, national jobs for the Negro and for the South and certain individuals who stand for forthright leadership nationally and, therefore, are interested in the type of work we are doing." Mr. Williams told the Committee that he had talked unofficially with several friends about this and found them most interested in what the Council is trying to do in the South. He felt that if we could judiciously select people who have good contacts and would be capable of giving us guidance this would answer the complaints of people who think we are an ineffective Southern group. He was convinced that such a Board would be a great asset to the Council.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that, in compliance with the by-laws authorizing the appointment of a National Advisory Board, we recommend to the Board of Directors that such a Board be appointed at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Johnson suggested that we begin immediately to make up a list of suitable people to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Williams asked Dr. Johnson to prepare "a message of felicitation and good wishes to be sent to Dr. Charles S. Johnson in Japan."

Mr. Warwick told the Committee that following the annual meeting of the Council last November Mr. Caldwell of the Associated Press said he had always been interested in the SRC and thought that its meetings should be open to the press. It was his opinion that when meetings are closed people are inclined to be suspicious. Mr. Warwick said he would like to see us open our meetings to the press, for when they send their own representatives to get the story they give much more attention and more space to it.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the annual meetings, with the exception of business sessions, be open to the press.

Dr. Johnson said that just as a reminder he wanted to say that at the annual meeting it was voted that the Resolutions Committee and the Nominating Committee be standing committees, and that they be appointed by the President. Mr. Williams replied that he would give this matter attention.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that it had been a pleasure to preside over this meeting and "to note the spirit of willing cooperation which exists." He expressed appreciation to the members who had come from a distance.

Following a prayer by Msgr. McNamara, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

REPORT OF VETERANS SERVICE DIVISION

George S. Mitchell

This is by way of a report on work so far of the Veterans Services Division of the Southern Regional Council.

I took the job on June 18, 1945. The first six months were spent in reading up on veterans' needs and benefits and on administration of services to veterans. Several trips were made in Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington. Gradually a program took shape involving two main lines of work:

(1) A survey of the administration of veterans services in the Southern states.

(2) Stimulus to vocational education, particularly job training and on-the-farm training.

The survey is about completed in Louisiana and Virginia and partially done in North Carolina. Alabama is now being looked at by Mr. W. B. Twitty. A forthcoming article by me in the New South for February gives the general background of services to veterans. It is intended in later issues to provide details state by state. The survey is really a means of finding out what the situation is and making acquaintance of the officials and of local interested groups who are dealing with the problems. So far as it has gone, it has turned up the following things which are needed.

(1) Much more Negro personnel in local offices serving veterans.

(2) Statistical reports in such offices showing their services by race.

(3) Improvement of USES on Negro placement in skilled and semi-skilled jobs.

(4) More participation by Negroes in the work of Selective Service Boards as reemployment committeemen.

(5) Opening of the American Legion to Negro posts in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. More Negro posts in states which already permit the chartering of Negro posts would be helpful.

(6) Some linkage of the many mushrooming Negro veterans organizations which are springing up.

(7) Much more vocational education to be made available to Negroes and old-timey courses to be replaced by training in new skills.

(8) Greatly improved police administration.

Job training offers great prospects, but needs much improvement. Few veterans know about it, and communities in general know less. If the program could be expanded and improved, it would not only do a lot to better the prospects

of Negro and white veterans in the Southern states; it would be the means of establishing in the South a well-rounded and effective pattern of technical education for all who would want it. Present bottlenecks are the matter of getting employers to take on trainees and the completely inadequate staff assigned by the State Departments of Education to the program. I hear that important efforts are being made to arrange for the U. S. Office of Education to subsidize the State Departments of Education in order that these latter may put on enough people to do the job. That means people to inspect places where training is being done and people to find new training opportunities. The administrative procedure is new, and a lot of work will have to be done to tighten it.

In an effort to speed all this I am trying to get far more veterans to apply for job training and its companion, farm training. At about the turn of the year five veterans were employed as field agents to do this. These men are Harry Wright, Ibra January, Horace A. Bohannon, W. E. Dixon, (Negroes), and W. B. Twitty (white).

Mr. January has northern Louisiana, and Mr. Dixon has southern Louisiana. Mr. Harry Wright has Mississippi. Mr. Twitty is in Alabama, and Mr. Bohannon is in Georgia.

Another Negro veteran, Mr. John W. Merkerson, has already been trained for this work during a recent lengthy furlough and is expected to be out of the Army and at work within ten days or so. He will probably be sent to Florida and perhaps to South Carolina.

Salaries of these men range from $200.00 to $275.00 a month, plus travel expense, which is heavy.

Their procedure is to travel to towns and cities with a proportionately large Negro population. They first interview officials in charge of job training or farm training. They then reach the more influential Negro leaders and some white leaders and point out the possibilities involved in trade training for veterans. In a good many cases the leaders whom these veterans have talked with have of their own accord set up informal organizations to follow through, but no special effort is made to get going a chain of local organizations. What is attempted is to get the word out that trade training is available to veterans and is a good bet.

Thus far, job training has been explained in four or five towns in north-central Louisiana. The south Louisiana man has only just arrived in New Orleans and has begun there. In Mississippi, good work has been done at Jackson, Clarksdale, Greenville, and at a number of rural points in the Delta area. In Alabama, Twitty is both looking into administrative services and pushing job training. He has been to Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Tuscumbia, Montgomery, and Mobile. In Georgia, Mr. Bohannon has worked with Negro state officials in charge of vocational agriculture at Fort Valley and Waynesboro, and has begun to push job training in Augusta. He has had to do a certain amount of individual training placement work for Negro veterans in Atlanta. Actually, he has gotten eight men into training opportunities, although he spends only an odd couple of days in Atlanta now and then.

A few other specific things of less importance have been done. We had a hand in working out a two-day meeting about services to Negro veterans in Virginia and a one-day meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. I have attended similar meetings at Fort Valley, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. This office has also

handled perhaps a dozen individual Negro veteran cases for small services about claims and jobs. Several of the Atlanta veterans servicing agencies now call this office once or twice a week with a special case they have not been able to unravel and ask our help. I do not encourage this, but when we get one we do what we can.

Names and addresses of influential local people whom I or the field agents meet are made available to the Southern Regional Council, which gives them a free trial subscription (three months) to the New South.

You will see that great areas of the South have scarcely been touched. Nothing has been done in Tennessee, hardly anything in South Carolina, nothing in Florida, and nothing in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. It would of course be well if I could put on people to handle each of these states. The months passing just now are critical months. Several of the field agents now assigned can be pulled out of the states they are presently working in and put elsewhere, but this should not happen for at least two months. Present expenditure is at a rate of roughly $3,000 a month, which neatly fills the budget available until June 30.

I would welcome your comments on what is being done, and on ways to make the best use of time and effort and money.

Atlanta
February 12, 1946

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19 January, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Room 424, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have just returned to Jackson from a visit to Natchez and Alcorn College.

I mentioned in my last letter to you that Mr. P. H. Easom, State Agent for Negro Education, had given me an appointment in order that I could meet the other State Officials concerned with the problems of veterans. Mr. Easom introduced me to Mr. A. P. Fatherree, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

After I had explained my mission, Mr. Fatherree gave me a complete lay-out of the whole agricultural set-up in respect to veterans. I am sending you a copy of the "Mississippi Plan." Frankly, not one thing is actually being done now, but I have respect for their "sincere" feelings toward their plan for veterans in agriculture. Mr. A. D. Fobbs, Negro State Teacher Trainer, will supervise the Negro Vocational Agriculture Teachers. I am making an effort to arrange a conference with him when he's in this area again. Mr. Fatherree and a few others with whom I talked are concerned about Mississippi being so late in getting the contract for their plan approved. I think that I'll be able to slip in a suggestion here and there since the "ground floor" is just being layed.

After leaving the State Capitol, I went by to get acquainted with the American Legion and the VFW people. In the American Legion office, I met Mr. Robert D. Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion. Mr. Morrow is one of those sort of persons who earn your respect right away just by his bearing. I explained the interest of my organization in veterans and asked him what interest was his organization taking in Negro veterans. He explained that the American Legion was working on plans to establish a department for Negroes in Mississippi, and that this plan had the support of most of the Legion Posts in Mississippi. He offered to give me an introduction in any part of Mississippi in which I planned to travel.

Mr. W. J. McCoy, State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was in charge of the Jackson office. In introducing myself I said that my office was in Atlanta -- he was born in Atlanta; knew about the SRC, so my program was sold to him right off. He explained that the reason why Negroes weren't admitted to the VFW posts or permitted to organize posts of their own was because the VFW feared criticism from the other veterans organizations. Plans are now under way to organize posts for Negroes. The VFW people are planning to write all the leading churchmen in Mississippi asking their opinion on the admission of Negroes; if their opinions are favorable then when or if criticism ever comes they can point to the advice received from these good citizens. Quite a clever idea. I have made some very good contacts with other sections of the state through Mr. McCoy. He has asked me to go by to meet some of the VFW fellows wherever I travel in Mississippi. I am going to his office Monday to pick up some addresses of VFW members in North Mississippi.

Before leaving for Natchez on Tuesday, I visited the office of the Secretary of the Mississippi Colored Teachers Association, Professor W. W. Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn is one of the best informed Negroes on the problems of education in Mississippi; he is employed by the State Department of Education as Mr. P. H.

Easom's assistant. Mr. Blackburn was able to give me a lead on the situation of Negroes in Natchez as he has worked in all the communities of Mississippi for the past thirty-five years.

I arrived in Natchez Tuesday afternoon. Through one of my old college rommates I arranged to stay at one of the very fine homes in the community. I made my approach in Natchez just as I had done in Jackson -- that I was just getting around to get acquainted with the good citizens, both white and colored, who could help the Colored Veterans get "out of the pool rooms" and off the (principal street for Negroes) and get settled down to becoming good citizens. I first met a few of the Negro leaders whom Professor Blackburn had mentioned and asked who would be some of the other people that I should meet. I made my way down to the local office of the Veterans Administration and met the Veterans Contact officer, Mr. Jimmy Clinton, a native of Natchez, cordial, easy going, friendly, and down-to-earth sort of fellow. We discussed all the usual problems. He said that as of 31 December, 1945, 1291 men from the Natchez Area had been discharged from the service; 645 of these were Negroes. Natchez had twenty men on Job Training -- five of these are Negroes. Mr. Clinton was interested in increasing the number of men on his Job Training Program, and as I was talking about "beating the bushes" for Job Training Veterans, I was one of his "fair haired" boys.

He said that I had his whole hearted cooperation in this sort of program and he suggested that I get a group of the leading Colored Citizens together before I left and that he would come around in the Colored Section and explain the opportunities for veterans. Naturally I was very pleased with this idea of his. He asked me to go by to meet some of the White Citizens who were interested in the Negroes. I went by to meet Mr. Joseph Dixon, a staunch American Legion man. Owner of the Dixon Novelty Shop; Mr. Dixon stuck out his hand and gave me a hearty hand shake when I mentioned that I had met Mr. Robert Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion, Mississippi. He said, "When you mention Bob Morrow's name among American Legion men in the South, you talk about a real man." He told me the whole history of race relations in Natchez, and pledged his cooperation to any kind of project like ours.

Mr. Clinton also asked me to go by to meet Mr. Robert Walcott, Justice of the Peace; I wasn't able to find Mr. Walcott in his office -- Justice of the Peace Walcott has the goodwill of most of the Negroes whom I met in the community.

I visited the local high school and was invited to speak at the assembly. A Miss Sadie V. Thompson is the principal of this school. Miss Thompson is an old woman who seems set in her old ideas and the school reflects her attitude. This is a handicap to the community of which the veterans are a definite part.

While in Natchez, Mr. Easom asked me to meet Mr. W. H. Braden, Superintendent of Natchez Public Schools. Professor Braden gave me a warm reception after I had explained my mission to Natchez. At the Negro High School, I had noticed a fairly well equipped shop and some of the cabinet work of Professor Jennings, so I hit on the idea of interesting Mr. Braden in working out some kind of training program for veterans in this shop; he felt that this was a worthwhile idea and when I left Natchez I found that he had approached the Veterans Administration with such an idea. Professor Braden said that if I should ever come back to Natchez that he would arrange for me to meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday night, I had one of the leading Negro businessmen, Mr. Marchant Dumas, druggist, to invite a group of the representative Negroes in the community to a meeting in his drug store to discuss opportunities for Negro veterans; I invited Mr. Jimmy Clinton, the Veterans Officer, to come down to give them all of

the information they desired. There were about ten leaders present. We scheduled the meeting for one hour; it lasted two and a half hours. Everyone fell into the spirit of getting the correct information to pass on to veterans. After the meeting was finished some few of the leaders were left talking to the Veterans Officer on the outside of the building.

I made no effort to try to organize a permanent committee. I felt it would have been a mistake at that time. Mr. Dumas promised to keep me informed on matters, and I felt if the thing just grew because of the seed of interest I had planted, it would be a more successful project. I'll see. The situation at Natchez fitted into the general pattern of the Veterans' situation in Mississippi that I described to you last week.

I went next down to Alcorn College. I wish every Mississippian could visit Alcorn. The neglect of State officials in not providing facilities for the education of Negroes at Alcorn College is a most serious mistake. I understand that the munition plant at Flora, Mississippi, was to have been an extension of Alcorn College; everyone, including the Governor, had approved of this excellent project. But a few words of objection from a few White People who lived in the community killed the whole works and as a result thousands of colored lads who braved the fury of the enemy all over the world are denied an opportunity to learn how to better earn a living. We have a long way to go yet.

Only thirty veterans are enrolled at Alcorn. Mr. William P. Robinson is chairman of the Veterans Committee at Alcorn College. Mr. Robinson is both able and willing to see that the veterans program at Alcorn is of real service to the fellows but the college is without both equipment and funds. President Pipes is most anxious for the fellows to get the most out of their program but he feels that without equipment and funds, Alcorn is not doing a successful job with veterans. There is hope for some funds by July, 1946, but in the meantime, I wonder just what will happen. This munition plant deal is something that should have the attention of someone who could work out some solution; this deal is most unfortunate.

I have arrived back in Jackson for a conference with Mr. Easom, Mr. Reddix, and veterans organization commanders; then I plan a two weeks trip through North Mississippi. I hope these reports are giving you the information you desire. Remember to let me know how I can improve my work over here. Please say hello to all of the SRC family for me.

Your friend,

(signed)
HARRY L. WRIGHT

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Miss Emily H. Clay
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My dear Miss Clay:

I had certainly counted on being at the next meeting, but on the day before I have been invited to the unveiling of the bust of Booker T. Washington in the Hall of Fame, New York University.

I feel that I owe it to Dr. Patterson and Dr. Washington's interest in me to go and it makes it impossible to do both things.

It appears on the surface that I am delinquent about the Southern Regional Council, but I certainly don't mean to be, and I don't mean to give it up. I really promise to be present more in the year ahead than I have been during the year that has just passed.

These war years have been very difficult for those of us who are carrying the responsibility of getting support for our schools. My school, as you may not know, is wholly a dependent effort--no state help, no church help-- and as I am growing no younger, my whole soul has been bent on building up a reserve fund so that this work, which has definitely found a big place in the education of young Negroes as leadership material, may go on after me.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Hawkins Brown

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown

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June 25, 1946

Rev. Maynard Jackson
451 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rev. Jackson:

In checking over our files recently we find that through an oversight we have not been sending you certain material which should come to you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I am sorry for this omision and am sending herewith the following minutes:

Meeting of the Board of Directors November 14, 1945,
Meeting of the Executive Committee February 27, 1946, and
Meeting of the Executive Committee May 22, 1946.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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October 18, 1946

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are the official notices of the annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
2 P. M. Tuesday November 12, 1946
Conference Room, Administration Building
Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Members
10 A. M. Wednesday November 13
Exhibition Room, Library Building, Atlanta
University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We hope that you will be able to attend both meetings, and we shall appreciate receiving the accompanying blank as quickly as possible in order that we may know whether or not to expect you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

Please let us know immediately if you wish to have us make your room reservation. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board members during the meeting will be defrayed by the Council. An expense blank will be furnished at the time of the Board meeting.

Cordially yours,

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

(Note added for Executive Committee)

Notice of Executive Committee enclosed, also.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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October 18, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Council's Conference Room, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 12, 1946, beginning at 10 A. M.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 12, 1946, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building of Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday November 13, 1946, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 18, 1946

NOTE
It is suggested that members desiring hotel accommodations in Atlanta should make their own reservations as soon as possible. Your attention is called to the fact that the Council does not defray expenses other than for members of the Board of Directors, who will meet in advance of the general member meeting.

Do all Board members except Executive Committee

(PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN THIS BLANK AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.)

Date _____

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63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors
at ~~2:00 P. M. Tuesday November 12~~ ---------- _____
9:30 A.M. Wednesday " 10

I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ---------- _____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at ~~10~~ 10:30 A. M.
Wednesday November ~~13~~ 10th (with registration beginning
at ~~9:30~~ 10:00 A. M.) ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- _____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ on _____.
(hour) (date)

SIGNED _____

October 21, 1946

Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Miss Clay has discussed with me your letter of October 15. Both of us want to urge you to remain on the Board of Directors if you feel that you possibly can. I am sure that the Executive Committee, the Board members, and the nominating committee feel the same way about it.

Very few Board members have a perfect score when it comes to attending meetings, and there are quite a few who have not attended as well as you have. We do hope that you can continue on the Board with us and we shall look forward to seeing you when you can come to a meeting.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:MP

State-Planters
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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been out of town and this is the first opportunity to acknowledge your letter of October 1st.

Thank you very much for enclosing two copies of the August issue of "New South" which contains Hodding Carter's article, and for reminding me of the Nov. 12th-13th annual meeting and directors meeting. I wish very much that I could be with you all on those two dates but it is going to be impractical for me to attend.

While my interest continues unabated, it just seems that it is impractial for me to attend the meetings oftener than once in a blue moon, and I am wondering whether it would not be better for me to resign from the board in order to make room for someone who can attend more regularly. Please mention this suggestion to Dr. Johnson and one or two others, and let me know your wishes. I do not think any board should be cluttered up with too many who cannot attend the meetings fairly regularly.

With kind regards to you all, believe me,

Cordially yours,

Wilson M. Brown

Wilson M. Brown

WMB:PL

October 28, 1946

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Charles Johnson:

It is really a blow to learn that you will be away from the United States and will not be with us at the annual meeting next month.

You have a very important task to perform for the United Nations and I am glad that you have been asked to take part in the Paris Conference.

Very best wishes for a successful journey and a good conference. We shall look forward to seeing you when you come back in December.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:rr

October 29, 1946

Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
The Wren's Nest
Lynn Road
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Miss Clay is away from the office for a few days. In her absence, I wish to thank you for your postal card which was received today. We are glad that you can be here for the annual meeting, and shall arrange for your reservation.

As you requested, we are sending you copies of the notices re the Board meeting and the meeting of members.

When Miss Clay returns to the office on Friday she will probably write you concerning the other things you mentioned on your card.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings,

Cordially yours,

Inez B. Tillison
Assistant Executive-Secretary

Encl.

The Wren's Nest, Lynn Road, Tryon, N.C. 28 October, 1946

My dear Miss Clay:

Unless "providentially hindered", I shall be down for the annual meeting of the SRC. I shall get in the afternoon of the 11th, so please make my reservation for that day. I s hall be down on flight 527 which gets there around three in the afternoon.

Will you send me the information that came with the call? I have lost them all- as usual- but then I have been out of town since the day the notice came.

I am looking forward with much interest to this annual meeting. I have a feeling- not psychic at all- that some important trends may be developed there. Also, if you are at liberty to talk, I should like tom know some of the lowdown on the Health Survey Commission of which Clement was executive secretary.

Cordially yours,

DDG

October 29, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As usual, the minutes of the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee are sent you for your information.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

October 9, 1946

The third quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, postponed from August 28, was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 9, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with the following present: Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Carter Wesley, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and George S. Mitchell of the Veterans Division staff. Dr. Rufus E. Clement came in later, having just returned from an out-of-town engagement.

Since all members had received mimeographed copies of the minutes of the second quarterly meeting, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried -

1- IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 22 meeting.

In commenting on the SRC personnel Dr. Guy Johnson said that only one change had taken place since the previous meeting: Miss Jane Martin of the stenographic staff married and moved to Syracuse, New York, in September. Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation of Miss Martin's efficiency and said that we regretted very much losing her. He reported that she had not yet been replaced, but that we are trying to find another woman for the position.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that "The Council is about to suffer an irreparable loss because Miss Clay will be leaving the Council soon after the annual meeting to make her home in Florida." He said that "Miss Clay's contribution to the work has been such that no one person can replace her." Her resignation will be presented for formal action at the November meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Wesley-

2- IT WAS VOTED that a resolution be passed, expressing the unanimous opinion of the Committee, commending Miss Clay for her efficient and courageous work throughout the years she has been identified with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Council, and wishing her well in her new home.

Dr. Mitchell told the Committee that the field staff of the Veterans Division had decreased from eight or nine full-time people in the early summer to two now, with one who would be full-time except for illness. Two former members of the staff -- one who is teaching in the Atlanta public schools and the other who has entered Morehouse College -- are now working during week-ends at $8.00 a day. A young woman has been engaged for temporary work, Dr. Mitchell said, to see whether a pamphlet can be prepared on the basis of reports of the field staff.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that on September 15 we had a membership of 1483 and that 115 members have been added since that time, making a total of 1598.

Msgr. McNamara asked whether the Council's printed materials were used extensively to cultivate new members. He expressed the opinion that it would be helpful, with the pamphlets which lend themselves to study groups, if there could be appended a "break-down looking to their use by such groups," and that this perhaps would also stimulate a greater interest in the literature.

The Chairman asked what the relationship is between the SRC and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, and also between the SRC and the organization work which is being done in Tennessee by Miss Ella

P. Mims. Dr. Guy Johnson explained that the Georgia Committee, which was a part of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation and was a "going" organization at the time this Council was set up, is now affiliated with the Council. During the summer, he said, Miss Mims has visited a number of places in Tennessee, including Columbia, and is now organizing a Nashville division of the Council. It is our plan to call the Tennessee SRC members together a little later, Dr. Johnson stated, for the purpose of organizing a State Division of the Council.

Mr. Wesley asked what should be done in Texas to get a division set up, since Dr. Porterfield, who recently offered his resignation as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, is no longer active in the work. It was suggested that Mr. Wesley get in touch with one or two influential members of the state group upon his return to Texas to find out whether the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation would be interested in merging with the Council, or whether they wish to remain an affiliate. It was agreed that the most desirable arrangement from the Council's standpoint would be to have them become a state division.

Msgr. McNamara asked why the Georgia Committee had not become a division of the Council. Dr. Guy Johnson said that a strong state organization, which is able to raise a budget of some three or four thousand dollars a year, feels that it might suffer a financial loss by becoming a state division of the Council. In response to a question from the Chairman, Dr. Guy Johnson replied that Dr. R. L. Russell, a retired Methodist minister who is Executive Secretary of

the Georgia Committee and a member of the Council's Board of Directors, "carries on a work which not everyone could do; he knows how to talk to local groups and how to get their interest." As a result he has been successful in setting up a number of local interracial committees over the State. Dr. Johnson said that if we could have three or four good full-time field people on the Council's staff he was convinced that we could work out satisfactory arrangements with the state interracial groups.

Mr. Wesley said he thought that we should encourage the Georgia Committee to merge with the Council, and that Dr. Russell's leadership would be a distinct asset to the Council.

In reporting the financial status of the Council at the present time, Miss Clay called attention to the fact that an additional amount of $4,000 would be needed in order to balance the budget for the year. The total amount of appropriations for 1946, she said, has been less than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. She called attention to the fact that we have hoped to have a renewal of the appropriation from the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational and Christian Churches, but have not yet received notice of it. Dr. Charles Johnson, who directs the interracial program of the AMA, explained that when the Association set aside $1,000 a year for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and later for the Council, it had no definite program on interracial activities. Since then, however, it has set up such a program, with only a modest budget, and is no longer in a position to make a contribution to the Council's budget. It was suggested, however, that an effort be made through Mr. Charles Dollard

to get an appropriation from the Carnegie Corporation to balance the budget for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell gave a brief report of the Veterans Division activities. He mentioned the printed reports on the work in Alabama and Arkansas and stated that a report for Louisiana was about ready for the printer. Negro veterans are beginning to organize fairly rapidly now, he said, and a Council of Negro Veterans has been set up by the Veterans Division of SRC for the purpose of drawing together for periodic meetings heads of Negro posts active in veterans' organizations. A committee is selected from the Veterans Council, he said, to call on the head of the State Veterans Administration, the state superintendent of schools, and other officials to press for more Negro personnel and fairer administration of services. Such Councils are now in existence in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and we hope to have one soon in South Carolina and perhaps in Florida. Dr. Mitchell said that one purpose of the field representatives has been to agitate for the addition of Negroes to the payrolls in the states. So far the Veterans Administration has done nothing more than put a few men in Negro educational institutions as guidance officers. The states, however, are "beginning to give," Dr. Mitchell said. Florida now has five or six state or county Negro employees, Louisiana has one employed by the State Department of Education as a vocational agricultural teacher on farm training for Negro veterans, and Oklahoma has a few Negro employees. Alabama has done the best job, however, with twelve Negro coordinators.

Mr. Haas said that he would like to express his personal admiration for the fine work Dr. Mitchell has been doing and that he felt proud to be a member of the organization. This was the unanimous opinion of the Committee.

In speaking of the Jacksonville Survey, with which the Council cooperated earlier in the year, Dr. Trigg said that a Continuing Committee had been organized to see that the recommendations based on the survey are carried out. All the objectives are being considered, he said, and things are being done which the survey committee had not even planned to do. The Continuing Committee met in September, Dr. Trigg reported, to select the objectives which need immediate action and they are being pushed now. Dr. Trigg feels that the significant thing about the Survey is that the local committee made their own recommendations, which were accepted and approved by the local group before they were included in the report. Dr. Trigg said that the Jacksonville survey sets an example for Southern communities, because it uses the initiative of the local people and brings together the leaders of both races to work out their own problems. It is his hope that the Council can start two or three surveys in each of the thirteen states during the coming year.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Council received a grant of $1500 from the General Education Board which will enable us to bring the SRC Fellows together for the first time. A two-day conference will, therefore, be held November 14-15, following the annual meeting. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that some of the Board members would be able to attend the Fellows Conference to help with plans for the

coming year.

In speaking of the police problems, particularly here in Atlanta, Dr. Johnson expressed the opinion that "things seem to be getting worse." He said, however, that in view of the fact that the Atlanta Police Committee has recommended enlargement of the police force we are trying to organize some pressure to see that Negro police are employed. Dr. Johnson also spoke of the recent killing of Negroes on street cars and busses in Atlanta. Dr. Charles Johnson suggested that some of these cases might qualify for action by the Department of Justice. He thought that we would be justified in making a deliberate approach to the Attorney General.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that following the Monroe, Georgia, lynchings we wrote the Department of Justice and Governor Arnall and posted a reward of $1,000. The situation is somewhat discouraging at present, he said, as the FBI have been on the case over two months and have not yet been able to find sufficient evidence to warrant the making of arrests by state or local officials.

Mr. Wesley said that because of antagonism against an anti-lynching bill many actual lynchings during recent years have not been reported in the daily press; as a result, the Tuskegee report, which is based on information secured from the daily press, does not include these lynchings. He expressed the opinion that "we need to be aware of the fact that there seems to be a distinct conspiracy among the news-gathering agencies that these things are not reported as lynchings."

Dr. Guy Johnson told the Committee that in September Mrs. Tilly brought together in Atlanta a group of Georgia women to discuss reorganizing the Georgia Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching which was a part of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The group will meet again soon to report actions taken by the various boards which they represent and to make further plans. They have already renewed the sort of pledges against lynching and mob violence which they formerly used, Dr. Johnson said, and the Methodist and Presbyterian women have begun circulating the pledges over the Southern states. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that other similar groups would be set up within the next few months.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question of the Council's taking action in support of anti-lynching legislation and asked for an expression from Mr. Haas as to whether we would be allowed to work for specific legislation under our charter. Mr. Haas replied that such action by the Council would make it a non-tax-free organization. It appeared, from the discussion, that the Committee was of the opinion that at the present time the Council should not support any specific legislation.

Inasmuch as Dr. Clement arrived after the meeting was in session and said that he would be compelled to leave before adjournment, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3- IT WAS VOTED that the Committee ratify any actions taken prior to Dr. Clement's arrival.

In speaking of the Council's printed materials, Dr. Johnson said that he thought it might be necessary to cut down the size of the

quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH to reduce the cost. He reported that a police manual is still in the process of preparation and that we are working, also, on a pamphlet which we think will be called SEPARATE BUT EQUAL, dealing with such problems as education and transportation. This would review the separation laws and would include an outline for use by study groups. The Methodist women's study groups, Dr. Johnson said, have indicated that they could use 10,000 copies of such a pamphlet among their women.

By common consent it was agreed that a message should be sent to Dr. R. L. Russell who is now in the hospital recuperating from an operation.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

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Date Oct. 30, 1946

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Atlanta 3, Georgia

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I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ---------- _____

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- Yes

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at 8 A.M.(?) (hour) on Tuesday, Nov. 12 (date), 1946

As I speak out of town on Armistice Day (Monday) I shall have to drive to another town to get the Seaboard Air Line which does not run through my town (Fayetteville) Think the Seaboard Cotton States Special arrives in Atlanta at approximately 8 A.M. but have no way of confirming.

SIGNED J.W. Seabrook
J.W. Seabrook

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Date October 26, 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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Southern Regional Council

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- Yes Piedmont

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at 5:30 PM (hour) on November 11, 1946 (date).

SIGNED J.M.Tydings

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Date Oct. 25, 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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~~I shall be unable~~ to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ✓ Dormitory

~~I shall make my own~~ reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at 12:00 (hour) on Nov. 10, 1946 (date)
via E.A.L. Midnight

SIGNED [illegible] Jr.

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Date 10-23-46

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ---------- _____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 13 (with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M.) ---------- yes

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ~~please~~ Room with twin beds for member who will come with me.

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at noon (hour) on ~~10-23-46~~ 11/12 (date).

SIGNED Alice N. Spearman

I am membership chairman for the S.C. Division, and it would help me considerably if you can furnish me with about 100 copies of the small membership folder. A.N.S.

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Date Oct. 21, 1946

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- x

(I think Jane will take care of this for me.)

I shall reach Atlanta at 4 PM (hour) on Nov.11, 1946 (date).

Via Eastern Air Lines.

SIGNED Dorothy L. Zeuch

Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ✓

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at 1.25 P.M. (hour) on Nov. 12 (date).

SIGNED Stanley R. Bean ✓

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Date October 21

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- X

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at 8 am. (hour) on November 12 (date)

SIGNED Virginius Dabney

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Date 21st Oct 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- Yes

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at 1 P.M. (hour) on 12th Nov 46 (date).

SIGNED R B Herbert

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Date Sat. Oct 19

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I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- yes

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at noon (hour) on Nov 12 (date).

SIGNED Alfred Snyders

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Secretary,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have received your notice of meetings of Board of Directors and Members of the Southern Regional Council on November 12th and 13th, and wish I could attend, but urgent previous engagements here on those dates make that impossible. I hope very much that these meetings prove most successful.

Very truly yours,

Edgar B. Stern
(B)

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Mr. Stern was obliged to return his office before the above letter, dictated by him, was ready for his signature.

BENNETT COLLEGE

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 29, 1946

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I am returning the blank for the Board of Directors meeting and the members meeting of the Southern Regional Council on the twelfth and thirteenth of November. Unfortunately I have agreed to have a meeting on the thirteenth of November of which I happen to be the president, the North Carolina College Conference.

I certainly am interested in what you are doing at the Southern Regional Council and regret that I can not be present.

Very truly yours,

David D. Jones

David D. Jones
President

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I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED David Jones

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I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Howard McCabe

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I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Raymond R. Paty

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Date October 24, 1946

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I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED B. Alexander Loop

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I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Luther P. Jackson ✓

Regret this very much. Another engagement prevents my coming.

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Date 10/23/46

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ---------- X

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 13 (with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M.) ---------- ____

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- X

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Florence Sys

I'm very sorry I can't attend this meeting — but I've been away from school & classes more than I should have been this semester

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

After a much labored consideration of the matter, I am forced to say that it does not seem possible for me to attend the meetings on November 12-13, much as I should like to.

We are swamped with work. Our loads are so heavy that when one teacher is put of pocket for a few days, there is no one who can be asked to relieve him without an undue burden. It takes two days each way for me to reach Atlanta, which added to the time of the meeting consume a week. If I were within an over night run each way, I could attend with much greater ease.

I am sorry that conditions at present force me to the conclusion that I should not attend.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

O. D. Duncan.

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ✓

Sorry

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Calvin R. Pierce ✓

Raleigh, N. C.

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- yes

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- no

I shall make my own reservation ---------- --

I shall reach Atlanta at -- (hour) on -- (date).

SIGNED W. W. Alexander

Dear Miss Clay: Doctor Alexander is out of the city at the moment, but I know that he will be unable to attend these November meetings because of an already-promised commitment that he made in the late summer. He will have to be in Grand Rapids on the same days as your Board of Directors meeting and annual meeting.

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BARRY BINGHAM, *President*

MARK F. ETHRIDGE, *Publisher*

LISLE BAKER, JR. *Vice Pres. & Treas.*

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Miss Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

This will acknowledge your notice of the meeting of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. to be held in Atlanta on November 13.

Mr. Bingham is away and will not return until next week. I am sure, however, that he will write you promptly upon his return stating whether or not he will be able to attend this meeting.

Yours very truly,

Thelma Gregg

Thelma Gregg
Secretary to Mr. Bingham

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Date Oct. 21-1946

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Sincerely regret

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- X

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Charles Clingman ✓
Louisville, Ky.

ARTHUR J. MOORE
BISHOP
THE METHODIST CHURCH
WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

ATLANTA AREA
FLORIDA CONFERENCE
NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
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Miss Emily Clay
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Miss Clay:

November 13th finds me busily engaged with the District Superintendents of the North Georgia Conference preparing for the annual session which opens on November 20th. It is therefore impossible for me to be present at the meeting of the Southern Regional Council on the 13th. Please express my regrets.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Moore

AJM:ER

Arthur J. Moore

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Date Nov 6 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ---------- yes

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ✓

I shall reach Atlanta at morning (hour) on Nov 12 (date).

SIGNED B Pollard Jr

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Date Nov. 4, 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ---------- Yes

I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ---------- _____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 13 (with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M.) ---------- Yes

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- I am resident

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED M. A. Jackson.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

J. H. WHEELER
VICE PRESIDENT-CASHIER

November 4, 1946

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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

This will acknowledge your notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council to be held on November 12th.

I am planning to be present for the Board meeting, but shall not be able to stay for the meeting of the Council on November 13th.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler

JHW/w

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Date Oct 31, 1946.

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ✓

I shall reach Atlanta at 8 A.M. (hour) on Nov. 12 (date).

SIGNED F. D. Patterson

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Date Oct 28-1946

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I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ✓ *

I shall reach Atlanta about 7:20 am (hour) on Nov 12-1946 (date)

SIGNED N C Newbold

* I have asked the Henry Grady Hotel to reserve room for me. Perhaps a telephone call from you would help. Ansley or Piedmont would be all right. N

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- yes

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED G. D. Rogers

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Date 10/22/46

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- NO

I shall make my own reservation ---------- yes

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED [illegible] ✓

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Benjamin E. Mays ✓

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at 7 a.m. or 8 A.M. (hour) on Nov. 12 1946. (date)

SIGNED W. A. Wright

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Goodrich W. White ✓

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I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- _____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

Since I live in Atlanta I will not need room reservation.

SIGNED Forrester B Washington

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I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Philip Shultz ✓

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I plan to attend the Executive Committee meeting at 10 A. M. Tuesday November 12 ✓

I shall be unable to attend the Executive Committee meeting ____

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ✓

I shall be unable to attend the Board meeting ____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 13 (with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M.) ✓

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ____

I should like to have you make my room reservation ____

I shall make my own reservation ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED Rufus E. Clement ✓

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I should like to have you make my room reservation ---------- ____

I shall make my own reservation ---------- ____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED John A. Griffin
Emory University
Georgia

Mr. Clay

November 9, 1946

Mr. Lawrence C. Jones
The Piney Woods Country Life School
Piney Woods, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your special delivery letter of November 7 addressed to Miss Emily H. Clay. We are sorry that our By-laws do not permit the use of substitutes or proxies on the Board of Directors. We do hope, however, that you will be with us for the annual meeting of members on November 13th.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:IBT

Annual meeting notice enclosed.

LAURENCE C. JONES,
PRINCIPAL

EULA KELLY MOMAN,
TREASURER

THE PINEY WOODS COUNTRY LIFE SCHOOL

PINEY WOODS, MISS.

November 7, 1946

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

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Attention: Miss Emily H. Clay

Dear Miss Clay:

I regret that I did not explain that Mr. Wilcoxen of Vicksburg wrote me that he could not attend the meeting and asked me to go in his place, and sent to me the blank to fill in and send to you, I presume because I am V. P. of the Mississippi Southern Regional Council.

Respectfully,

Laurence C Jones.

November 19, 1946

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Enclosed is check covering your expenses in attending the board meeting and annual meeting.

Your very nice note has been forwarded to Miss Clay.

It was good to see you again.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

November 19, 1946

Board

Mr. N. C. Newbold
State Department of Education
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Newbold:

Enclosed is check covering your expenses in attending the annual meeting and board meeting.

It was good to see you again.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RALEIGH

November 14, 1946

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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Complying with your suggestion, I am sending you my expense account for the trip to Atlanta for the conferences on November 12th and 13th.

I was glad indeed to see you and Mrs. Tillotson and the others, and may I say again that we are all very sorry that you are leaving the Council where you have rendered such excellent service for twenty-three years.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

N C Newbold

N. C. NEWBOLD

NCN:mn
Enclosure

We'll be missing you!

November 19, 1946

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Anchorage
Kentucky

Dear Mr. Tydings:

Enclosed is check covering your expenses in attending the board meeting, the annual meeting, and the Fellows Conference.

It was nice to see you again.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Ines B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

November 19, 1946

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Conway
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is check covering your expenses in connection with the board meeting and annual meeting.

Thank you very much for sending the copy of resolution suggested by Mr. Amicks Miller.

It was nice to see you again.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Ines B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

LAW OFFICES
WRIGHT AND BURROUGHS
CONWAY, S. C.

MARION A. WRIGHT
FRANKLIN G. BURROUGHS

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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I enclose herewith expense account in connection with my attendance on the recent meeting.

In case you wish to make reference to it in your minutes, I am enclosing the original resolution introduced by Mr. Amicks Miller.

Should be "Clay" JB

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW/wa

Enclosures 2

November 19, 1946

Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Vero Beach
Florida

Dear Mrs. Zeuch:

I'm so glad that you got to attend the board meeting and the annual meeting. It was so nice to get to meet you.

Enclosed is check covering your expense account while here.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

November 21, 1946

Dr. H. D. Goode
642 W. Wright Street
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Dr. Goode:

We appreciated your telegram but we were very much disappointed that, due to sickness, you were not able to attend the meetings last week.

The annual meeting of the Council was the best we have ever had. There was a fine spirit of unity and enthusiasm. The two-day conference of the Council Fellows was also splendid. Twenty-five of our Fellows from all over the South came together for informal reports and discussion. Some of them said it was the best meeting of its kind they had ever attended. We hope to repeat it next year.

As you have probably heard, Miss Emily Clay has resign and is moving to Florida. We miss her very much here and it is going to be very hard to fill her place. Sh worked faithfully for twenty-three years with the Commission and the Council.

With highest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:rr

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642W. Wright St

MISS EMILY H CLAY=

=SECY TRES SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL 63 AUBURN AVE NE

ATLA=

GREETINGS TO THE COUNCIL I FIND THAT DUE TO SICKNESS I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS PLEASE ACT AS MY PROXY AND ADVISE ME AS TO ANYTHING THAT THE COUNCIL WISHES ME TO DO=

=DR H D GOODE PENSACOLA FLA..

Please thank him for this & tell him we missed him.
SHZ

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

November 22, 1946

(Please Forward)

Mr. Jennings Perry
c/o The Nashville Tennessean
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Perry:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held in Atlanta on November 13, you were unanimously elected to the Council's Board of Directors. I think you are reasonably familiar with the work of the Council, but I am enclosing some material which will give you some information that you might like to have. Included is a list of our Board members, which will show you what kind of company you will be in.

The Board meets annually on the day preceding the annual meeting of Council members and again immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of members. The annual meeting takes place on the second Wednesday in November. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings. Membership dues are $2.00 a year.

I hope very much that you will accept a place on our Board of Directors and join with us in the work that we are trying to do. May I hear from you soon?

I was sorry to hear about the controversy which led you to leave the Nashville Tennessean. I expected a more liberal point of view from the newspaper, and I certainly do not blame you for stepping out. I have been enjoying your PM column very much.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:rr

November 22, 1946

Miss Emily Clay
190 Fifth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I can't get used to the fact that you are not here in the Council office, and it seems strange indeed to be addressing a letter to you at any other address.

This is both an official and a personal letter to express my appreciation for what you have done for the Council and my regret that you have resigned as Secretary-Treasurer. As I look back over our three years of work together here, I just don't see how we could have got anywhere without you; and as I look forward to the future, I realize how hard it is going to be for the Council to have to do without you. You were such a vital part of the Commission and later of the Council that no one can express adequately the debt of gratitude which they owe you for your loyal and courageous service.

We have come through some rough spots, thanks largely to your own devotion, loyalty, and common sense, and now we are a strong organization that can really do something. You can leave with a real sense of pride and achievement.

You have the good wishes of all of us as you go to your new home in Florida. Personally, I rather envy you the chance to settle down to a quieter life in Florida. This time next year I shall no doubt be in the relatively more peaceful atmosphere of Chapel Hill, but I shall always cherish the memory of my association with you on the staff of the Council.

Most sincerely,

Guy B. Johnson

P.S.- In case you didn't know it, you were elected to the Board of Directors. May we have your "formal" acceptance?

Fayetteville State Teachers College

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

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The Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Madam:

Enclosed please find check in amount of $16.02 to cover refund for over-payment of travel expenses from Sanford N.C. to Atlanta and vice versa. When I handed in my expenses I thought the fare to Sanford from Atlanta would be the same as the fare from Atlanta to Sanford, but I found out it was much cheaper. Then, too, I shared a "compartment" with a friend on the return trip while I had an aprtment going up to Atlanta. The ticket agent in Sanford is unable to explain the discrepancy, but I will straighten it out finally. I took a train from the neighboring city of Sanford since there is no direct connection from Fayetteville to Atlanta.

Yours very truly,

J.W. Seabrook

J.W. Seabrook

Encl. Ck.

acknowledged by postal card
SBS

S.B.T. ↓

New Board Member

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
F. G. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLANDVILLE, LOUISIANA

November 27, 1946

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Dr.Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am acknowledging your letter of November 22, in which you state that I have been elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. In accepting this position, I shall do the best that I can to effect the program of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Felton G. Clark.

Eckl. ✓

November 22, 1946

President Felton Clark
Southern University
Baton Rouge 5, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Clark:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta on November 15 you were unanimously elected to membership on the Council's Board of Directors. I believe that you are already somewhat familiar with the work of the Southern Regional Council, but I am enclosing some material which will give you additional information that you might like to have.

I hope that you will accept election to our Board of Directors and join with us in the work which we are trying to do. The Board meets annually on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and again immediately after the adjournment of the member meeting. The annual meeting takes place on the second Wednesday in November. The Council bears the expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon, saying that you have accepted election to our Board of Directors.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:rr

December 19, 1946

Mr. Ed Ray, Editor
Tampa Daily Times
Tampa, Florida

Dear Ed:

We are delighted to have you as a member of our Board of Directors. You will find the Board to be a fine group of people. Unless there is a special called meeting, the next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday, November 11, 1947, the day preceding the annual meeting of members.

We would like to see a copy of the Hillsborough County school survey. I wonder whether you were able to get hold of enough copies to distribute them as you had planned.

I hate to leave the Council, now that it is running so smoothly, but I think that in the long-run I can be more useful at the University of North Carolina and that someone else can do this job here better than I. Dr. Odum wanted me to come back to Chapel Hill in January or March, but I could not do that without considerable inconvenience to my family on account of the fact that I have rented my house at Chapel Hill to another family until August 1. I have about persuaded the University to postpone my coming until September, so I am pretty sure I will be with the Council until September 1.

Best wishes and Christmas greetings,

Cordially yours,

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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November 25, 1946

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I appreciate the honor in being elected to the Board of Directors of the SRC and will be delighted to serve.

I was sorry to read that your connection with the SRC will end in the Spring. What's it all about?

I was disappointed that I could not attend the meetings in Atlanta. My son underwent the operation successfully and I now hope that my whole family is well for a long period. We have been through a long siege.

I will write you and Dr. Trigg soon about Florida Division line in connection with the school survey. Tell Dr. Trigg that I will try to get him a copy of the Hillsborough School survey.

Sincerely yours,

Ed

Ed Ray
Chairman

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November 22, 1946

Mr. Edgar Ray
Tampa Times
Tampa, Florida

Dear Ed:

At the annual meeting of the Council last week you were unanimously elected to our Board of Directors. I hope you will accept.

The Board meets annually on the day preceding the meeting of members and again immediately following the adjournment of the member meeting. The annual meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of November. The Council bears expenses of Board members who attend the meetings.

We were awfully sorry you could not be with us for the meetings last week. We think they were by far the best we have ever had. The conference of Fellows was also splendid. I do hope that your son has come through the operation successfully and is well on the way to good health again.

Highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:rr

December 20, 1946

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am happy to report that Dr. Jemison has sent his acceptance of Council membership and election to our Board of Directors. Thank you very much for writing him a note.

Here's wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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December 18, 1946

Dr. D. V. Jemison
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

I was more than pleased to have your name presented for membership with the Southern Regional Council when we met in Atlanta recently. I am sure this fine organization will profit by your wisdom, experience and influence.

The Southern Regional Council in my opinion has associated in its membership the able and wise leadership of the South. I am sure you will enjoy this association as well as the privilege of making an important contribution to its work.

With every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ F D PATTERSON

President

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December 18, 1946

Dr. D. V. Jemison, President
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

We are happy to welcome you as a new member of our Board of Directors. We are looking forward to having the pleasure of personal association with you in our work.

The Federal Grand Jury which is now sitting at Athens, Georgia, is making a thorough investigation of the lynchings which occurred in the adjoining county of Walton last July. The proceedings are secret, of course, and we do not know how hopeful we can be. However, the hearings will be finished within the next few days and we will then know whether any indictments have been made. So far, one indictment has been returned but it is for perjury and does not necessarily implicate the offender in the lynchings.

You will be interested to know that when the lynchings occurred we issued a public statement and posted a reward of $1000. It is gratifying to know that Governor Arnall and the law enforcement officials of the State of Georgia have welcomed the assistance of the FBI and have done everything in their power to discover the guilty parties. It will be a great stain on the State of Georgia if the guilty persons are not brought to justice. We are hoping and praying that the case will break, and break soon.

With all good wishes and greetings for the Christmas Season,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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Box 141, Centerville, Ala.,
Dec-17-1946.

To
Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Ex Sec. R.C.
63, Auburn Ave.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

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Dear Dr. Johnson: In reply to your letter Dec-11-1946: Dr. Jenison was presented to the Council by Dr. Patterson Pres. Tuskegee Inst., for a place on the Ex-Board.

I represented Bishop D. Ward Nichols D.D. for membership in Council. However, If Dr. Jenison refuses to serve, I would be glad to consult Bishop Nichols, at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham 6 Ala.

Wishing you and the Organization a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

W. R. Rayland.

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Mr.Guy B.Johnson
63 Auburn Avenue Avenue
N.E.Atlanta,Georgia

,y Dear Mr.Hohnson:

Yours to hand~~ing~~ and contents noted. In reply to the same Iwish to say that from the explanation given in your letter, it hastend me to answer your communication accepting membership in the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I sincerely hope that this will mean much not only to my racial group, but to the other racial group as well. I have been waiting patiently to hear something about the culprits who lynched the four Negroes near Monroe,Georgia, I understand that the inwistigation si going on in Athens, the county seat. Up to this time I have not heard anything definite on the matter. Somebody or somebodies know who the guilty parties are and this should be brought to light.

If nothing is done about this case it is enough to make righteuos people despair because of the fact that there are many who know who committed this astrocious crime.

Sincerely hoping that you and yours are well and that things are going well with you,

I am with appreciation,

D. V. Jemison

President National Baptist Convention,
U.S.A,Inc.

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December 11, 1946

Dr. F. D. Patterson
President, Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Patterson:

As you know, at our annual meeting we elected Dr. D. V. Jemison of Selma, Alabama, to our Board of Directors. We have notified Dr. Jemison and have sent him some literature, but he seems to have some hesitation about joining us. Unfortunately, he was not already a member when he was elected to the Board.

I believe that a note from you would do much to reassure Dr. Jemison. We would appreciate anything you can do. His address is 1605 Lapsley Street, Selma, Alabama. He is President of the National Baptist Convention.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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December 11, 1946

The Rev. W. F. Ragland
Box 141
Centerville, Alabama

Dear Mr. Ragland:

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With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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Executive Director

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December 9, 1946

Dr. D.V. Jemison
President, Nat'l Baptist Convention
1605 Empsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Dr. Jemison:

I trust that you have had an opportunity to look over the literature which we sent you at the time we asked you to accept election to our Board of Directors, and that you gained a clear understanding of the nature and purposes of the Council.

In addition, let me say that the Council is a non-profit, non-political agency which tries to mobilize the energies of people of all races and creeds for the building of a better South for all of us. Our staff, as well as our membership, is bi-racial. Our Associate Director, for example, is a Negro, Dr. Harold Trigg, who was formerly president of the State Teachers' College at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. We all work together as a team right here in our headquarters in Atlanta. Our financial support, aside from the dues and contributions of members (of whom we have nearly 2000), comes from various church organizations and from two foundations, the Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board.

The Council has made public pronouncements and has worked for: democratic suffrage, non-discrimination in employment, fair treatment of Negro veterans, equal educational opportunities, employment of Negro police, the prevention of lynching and other violence, adequate housing facilities, and other measures. It has assisted the Kentucky Governor's Commission on Negro Affairs, the Jacksonville Council of Social Agencies (in a survey of the Negro community), and numerous other civic and religious agencies. We work through education and community action rather than through political strategies.

We hope that we shall soon have the pleasure of receiving your acceptance of election to our Board.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

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Mr.Guy B. Johnson
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
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My Dear Brother Hohnson:

Yours to hand and contents noted. In reply to the same I wish to say that I would not mind becomming a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council but I must know more about an organization before I join it and pay dues.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

I amy with appreciation,

D. V. Jemison

President National Baptist Convention,U.S.A,Inc.

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November 22, 1946

The Rev. D. V. Jemison, President
National Baptist Convention
1605 Lapsley Street
Selma, Alabama

Dear Rev. Jemison:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta on November 13 you were unanimously elected to membership on the Council's Board of Directors. I believe that you are already somewhat familiar with the work of the Southern Regional Council, but I am enclosing some material which will give you additional information that you might like to have.

I hope that you will accept election to our Board of Directors and join with us in the work which we are trying to do. The Board meets annually on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and again immediately after the adjournment of the member meeting. The annual meeting takes place on the second Wednesday in November. The Council bears the expenses of Board members when they attend meetings. Membership dues are $2.00 a year.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon, saying that you have accepted election to our Board of Directors.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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December 23, 1946

Rabbi Stanley R. Brav
Vicksburg
Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Brav:

I want to thank you for your check for $10.00 which was received today. Receipt is attached hereto.

We appreciate this gift very much. It will certainly help. As you know we are faced with the prospect of ending the year with a deficit, however, I don't believe that the deficit will be quite as large as we had anticipated at the time of the annual meeting. The indications are now that we will lack about $1500 having enough to cover current bills and salaries at the end of the year. Dr. Johnson has been in touch with Dr. Alexander, and it is hoped that a meeting of the Finance Committee can be arranged at an early date.

Thank you also for sending us the list of names of people who would be interested in the Council. We shall send them some material right away.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta,Gerogia

My Dear Mr. Johnson:

Yours to hand and contents noted. In reply to the same I wish to say that I appreciate beyond expression your int interest on the lynching near Monroe,Georgia of four innocent persons in the month of July.

The fact is the man who was driving the car or truck may not know who the lynchers are but I beleive he could turn on some light that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

This is where our trouble lies as it relates to Negroes and white people in the South. Just think, if these were Negroes who committed this crime, they would have known and been convicted and would be at the point of hanging or electrocution. I have on hand at this time more than $3,000.00 waiting for the guilty parties to be convicted.

I want you to feel perfectly free to call upon me at anytime for my assistance within the confines of my possibilities as it relates to this matter.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation,

I am with appreciation,

D. V. Jemison

President National Baptist Convention,
U.S.A,Inc.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 12, 1946

Prayer

Roll Call

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Meeting of the Board of Directors,
November 14, 1945

Meeting of the Executive Committee,
February 28, 1946

Meeting of the Executive Committee,
May 22, 1946

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October 9, 1946

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November 12, 1946

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 12, 1946

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Paul D. Williams, President, at 2:00 P. M. on November 12 in the Conference Room at Atlanta University. Dr. E. A. McDowell was asked to lead in prayer, after which Miss Clay called the roll. The following were present:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
R. B. Atwood
Stanley Brav
Rufus Clement
Virginius Dabney
Clark Foreman
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Guy B. Johnson
E. A. McDowell
T. James McNamara
Alfred Mynders
N. C. Newbold
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
John G. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
J. W. Seabrook
Philip H. Shulhafer
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Harold L. Trigg
J. M. Tydings
John H. Wheeler
Josephine Wilkins
Aubrey Williams
Paul D. Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

Emily H. Clay, Secretary, Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Assistant Secretary, and Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, were also present.

Mr. Williams opened the meeting with some remarks in which he expressed appreciation to the Board for electing him to serve as president, and stated he felt it an honor to be chairman of SRC, which is alligned against reactionary forces in the South.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board be dispensed with, as copies had been sent to all members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Clement was asked to bring the recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. They were as follows:

(1) That Dr. Patterson present the financial picture concerning the Council's budget, and lead discussion at the membership meeting, right after Miss Clay gives the financial report. On motion made by Dr. Clement, seconded, and carried,

2. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

(2) That joint memberships in the Council be established for husband and wife, and that dues for such memberships be $3.00 a year.

Dr. Clement explained to the Board that some Executive Committee members had been under the impression that an amendment to the By-laws was necessary for action on this recommendation, but this is something which can be done by the Board or members meeting.

3. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

(3) That all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

On motion made by Mr. Dabney, and seconded by Dr. Hancock,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

In the discussion concerning this recommendation, Mr. Williams announced that a grant had been received from the General Education Board which makes it possible for us to hold a Conference of Fellows on the 14th and 15th, and he invited the members of the Board to attend.

(4) That the following projects be undertaken in the Council program for the coming year.

(a) That major emphasis be placed in the following fields: Law enforcement, police training, and prevention of violence--with the understanding that the Veterans Project might be continued, depending upon the decision reached by a committee composed of the President, the Executive Director, and Dr. Mitchell.

On motion made by Dr. Parrish, and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

(b) That a pamphlet be issued by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups; this pamphlet to include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

On motion by Dr. Parrish, and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted.

(c) That the Council urge the State units and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

Dr. Foreman moved, motion was seconded and

7. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted.

(5) That since Miss Emily H. Clay has tendered her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer, her resignation be accepted with regret.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

Dr. Johnson and other members of the Board expressed regret that Miss Clay is moving away from the state, and all expressed appreciation for her fine service of twenty years with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and three years with the Council.

On motion made by Mr. Dabney and seconded by Dr. Foreman,

8. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Clay's resignation be accepted with regret, and that appropriate resolutions of regret be drawn up by the Resolutions Committee and spread upon the minutes of the Council.

(6) That Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Mr. Leonard Haas and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison be appointed to serve respectively as Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Counsel and Secretary-Treasurer.

In this connection, Dr. Johnson explained that he had told the Executive Committee that he would be leaving the Council sometime during 1947. He told the Board that when he came to the Council it was with the feeling that he was undertaking an emergency job, and that he had always felt that after the work got under way with a good staff he should go back to Chapel Hill. He stated he had recently promised the University of North Carolina to return and that as soon as the details were completed he would submit a formal resignation. He wanted the Board to know this in voting on the above recommendation.

9. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted with the understanding that Dr. Johnson may withdraw sometime in 1947.

ANNUAL MEETING

Announcement was made by Dr. Johnson that Turner Smith, Chief of Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, would speak at the annual meeting of members on the following day on "The Government and Civil Rights." Dr. Johnson outlined the program of the annual meeting, stating that the meeting would open with a statement by Mr. Williams, followed by a report of the years work by the Executive Director, Dr. Trigg would speak next on the work ahead, followed by reports by Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Harry Wright, Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Tilly. After luncheon the order of business would be: The Treasurer's report, Dr. Patterson's presentation of the financial picture, Mr. Turner Smith's address, the recommendations of the Board, and reports of the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions.

He also announced that the Resolutions Committee (Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman) and the Nominating Committee (Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman) would meet at 8 o'clock that night at Council headquarters. Miss Wilkins made the suggestion that the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

reports of these two committees be read sometime during the morning session of the annual meeting, so that members may have time to think about them before voting on them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, made the Treasurer's report as follows:

Regular Account

Balance brought forward January 1		$9,484.42
Income: January 1 - October 31	$47,260.03	
Estimated November and December	1,889.04	
Total Income		49,149.07
		58,633.49
Expense: January 1 - October 31	49,217.00	
Estimated November and December	12,000.00	
Total Expense		61,217.00
Apparent Deficit		$ 2,583.51

Veterans Service

Balance brought forward January 1		$ 611.13
Income: January 1 - October 31	39,750.00	
Estimated November and December	4,000.00	
Total Income		43,750.00
		44,361.13
Expense: January 1 - October 31	35,225.61	
Estimated November and December	7,778.46	
Total Expense		43,004.07
Possible Surplus		$ 1,357.06

On motion made by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

In the discussion, the question was raised by Dr. Clement as to whether the balance in the Veterans account could be used for any other purpose. Dr. Johnson stated that under the terms of the grant there are no strings but that any transfer of funds should not be done unless the Rosenwald Fund approved. Suggestion was made that the matter of finances should be referred to a committee, and it was stated that the Council has had a Financial Committee, which has held only one meeting since

its appointment in 1944. Dr. Will Alexander, Chairman of that Committee, could not be present today due to another engagement, and Dr. Charles Johnson, one of its members, had gone to Europe on a United Nations mission. It was the concensus of opinion of those present that the Finance Committee should study this matter, and it was left with the president either to use the old committee or to appoint another one.

11. IT WAS VOTED that the present financial condition of the Council be referred to a Finance Committee for study, the decision to be left with the President as to whether a new Finance Committee should be appointed.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Williams told the Board that the Executive Committee in February, 1946, had voted: "That, in compliance with the by-laws authorizing the appointment of a National Advisory Committee, we recommend to the Board of Directors that such a Committee be appointed at the earliest possible moment." Such a committee, he stated, would sit in with representatives of the SRC from time to time in an advisory capacity. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Foreman, and

12. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of selecting a National Advisory Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with the power to act, and that the members of the Board of Directors be asked to make suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning personnel for the Committee.

Some of the points brought out in the discussion were: Such a committee will indicate our willingness to receive enlightenment and guidance wherever we can find it; we may find other sources of income; we will be strengthened in other parts of the country; Executive Committee should make a recommendation to the Board concerning qualifications for personnel of the Committee, including residence, if this is to be a factor; election should come after approval of the personnel by the Board.

KENTUCKY PAMPHLET

Dr. Johnson called attention to the pamphlet recently published by SRC and the Kentucky Interracial Council, LET'S PULL TOGETHER, KENTUCKIANS, and copies were given to the members.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison, Secretary

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 11, 1947

2:00 P.M.

Atlanta University Conference Room
Administration Building

SUGGESTED AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of meeting of November 13, 1946
4. Reports
   a. Executive Committee
   b. Finances. Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary-Treasurer
   c. Tax Exemption. Mr. Paul Williams
   d. 1947 Activities. George S. Mitchell
5. Action on proposed agenda and rules for Annual Meeting
6. Action on Proposed 1948 Program
7. Action on Proposed 1948 Budget
8. Action on Recommendations of Executive Committee for confirmation or rejection of executive officers
9. Arrangements for night meeting of Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committee
10. Arrangements for Board Meeting on November 12, 1947, at 4:00 P. M.
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 12, 1947

4:15 P. M.

Exhibition Room, the Library of Atlanta University

SUGGESTED AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous day's meeting (to be sent out)

2. Election and / or confirmation of Officers by the Board

3. Discussion of:

   a. Program for 1948

   b. Finances

4. Finance Committee

5. Other business

6. Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 1947 TO OCTOBER 31, 1947

RECEIPTS

BALANCE IN BANK 1-1-47		538.58
Julius Rosenwald Fund	$35,000.00	
General Education Board	8,000.00	
Esther Morton Smith Estate	1,390.74	
Women's Div. Christian Service	1,000.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	250.00	
Phelps Stokes Fund	200.00	
Ashby Jones Fund	100.00	
Board of Ed. Methodist Church	250.00	
Div. of Home Missions	1,000.00	
Misc. Church Groups	150.00	
Fla. State Division	886.50	
Miss. State Division	136.50	
S. C. State Division	1,070.50	
Ky. State Division	94.80	
Membership Dues	2,208.70	
Membership Contributions	736.65	
New South Publication	569.00	
Misc. Literature	1,402.38	
Royalties	12.80	
Geo. Mitchell, Lectures	25.75	
Refunds:		
Salaries, Ga. Commission	91.10	
Travel	309.37	
Telephone and Telegraph	8.52	
Office Supplies	52.98	
Postage and Express	34.81	
Books and Subscriptions	4.40	
Veterans' Service, Unused Funds	485.36	
Withholding Taxes	4,123.98	
Loan - Citizens Trust Co.	1,500.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		61,094.84
TOTAL		$61,633.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Repayment of Loans - Citizens Trust Co.	$2,500.00	
Withholding Taxes	3,796.98	
Florida State Division	1,030.96	
South Carolina State Division	1,061.50	
Miss. State Division	132.50	
Kentucky State Division	82.30	
Salaries	33,603.71	
Conference Travel	5,358.75	
Rent	1,475.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	662.68	
Office Supplies and Expense	913.80	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	499.26	
Postage and Express	1,256.84	
Printing and Literature	4,556.59	
Books and Subscriptions	221.16	
Veterans' Service	2,700.00	
Research and Special Service	233.80	
Conference on Human Rights	327.32	
Clipping Service	117.87	
Interest on Loans	29.00	
Exchange and Bank Service Charges	8.89	
Refunds on Literature	5.50	
Misc. Expense	185.57	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$60,759.98
Bank Balances, October 31, 1947:		
First National Bank		335.00
Citizens' Trust Co.		538.44
TOTAL		$ 61,633.42

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1948

1. Based on Present Staff and Activities

Salaries	$34,460.00
Travel and maintenance (including Board of Directors and Executive Committee)	6,000.00
Rent	1,560.00
Telephone and Telegraph	700.00
Office Supplies and equipment	1,500.00
Postage and Express	2,000.00
Printing - New South and Pamphlets	6,000.00
Books, Subscriptions, Clippings	300.00
Return of Dues to State Divisions	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
	$54,770.00

INCOME IN SIGHT FOR 1948

Julius Rosenwald Fund	$25,000.00
General Education Board	6,000.00
Women's Div. of Christian Service Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Missions and Church Extensions Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Education, Methodist Church	250.00
Phelps-Stokes Fund	200.00
Catholic Committee of the South	150.00
Various Conferences, Women's Division Christian Service, of the Methodist Church	100.00
Province of Sewanee, Protestant Episcopal Church	100.00
Ashby Jones Memorial Fund	100.00
Committee on Women's Work, Presbyterian Church	25.00
Women's Auxiliary, Synod of Virginia Presbyterian Church	25.00
Literature - sales	1,600.00
Subscriptions to New South	600.00
Membership Dues	6,000.00
Membership Contributions	450.00
	$42,600.00

APPARENT DEFICIT	$12,170.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES

JANUARY 1, 1947 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947

Balance in Bank January 1, 1947		$ 538.58
Actual Receipts 1/1/47 - 10/31/47	$61,094.84	
Est. Receipts 11/1/47 - 12/31/47	500.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$61,594.84
TOTAL		$62,133.42

Disbursements:

Actual Disbursements 1/1/47 - 10/31/47		$60,759.98
Est. Disbursements 11/1/47 - 12/31/47:		
Net Salaries	$4,042.84 1/	
Rent	260.00	
Annual Meeting	1,000.00	
Telephone	80.00	
Travel, etc.	617.16	$ 6,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$66,759.98
ESTIMATED DEFICIT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1947		4,626.56 2/
TOTAL		$62,133.42

1/ Excludes withholding tax of $959.20 which will be due in January 1948. This amount was carried over due to the deficit in the operating funds of the Council

2/ With inclusion of withholding tax, amounts to $5,585.76

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
November 12, 1947, 4:15 P. m.

11/12/47

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul Williams, Wednesday afternoon, November 12, 1947, at 4:15 p. m., in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library immediately following the annual meeting of members. The following were present:

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Miss Emily H. Clay
Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Dr. Clark B. Foreman
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Mr. Jacob Henderson
Mr. Cyrus M. Johnson
Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Dr. N. C. Newbold
Mr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Mr. J. G. Pollard, Jr.
Mr. Edgar Ray
Mr. G. D. Rogers
Dr. J. W. Seabrook
Mr. Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. Eugene Spearman
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Dr. Harold L. Trigg
Mr. J. M. Tydings
Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mr. M. A. Wright
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

At Mr. Williams' request, Mr. Tydings presided over the meeting. Mr. Tydings read a letter from Mr. Frank Spencer which was dated September 2, 1947, in which he asked that the Board accept his resignation.

On motion made by Mr. Seabrook and duly seconded,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Board accept Mr. Spencer's resignation with regrets and in his place elect Dr. Guy B. Johnson as Vice President.

On motion made by Dr. Clark Foreman and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes for the November 11, 1947 meeting be dispensed with.

Dr. Forrester Washington, reporting for the Nominations Committee read the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

Mr. Paul D. Williams, President
Mr. P. B. Young, Vice-President
Mr. Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Vice-President
Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Vice-President

and the following nominations for members of the Executive Committee for the coming year:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Charles Gillman
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

On motion made and duly seconded,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Nominations Committee be accepted as read, and those listed be confirmed for the coming year, and Mr. Trigg be elected as Vice-President.

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be asked to bring to the next Executive Committee meeting a concise report of all instructions given by the membership and by the Board in the two days of meetings.

ELECTION OF STANDING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The chairman asked for nominations for a standing Nominating Committee drawn from the membership to serve for a period of one year. The following nominations were received:

Mr. William H. Gray
Mr. J. E. Blanton
Mrs. Josephine Heyman
Mrs. Hortense Young
Dr. Witherspoon Dodge
Dr. Mildred Mell - Alternate

On motion made by Mr. Foreman and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that this group compose the Nominating Committee to bring to the nest annual meeting nominations for members of the Board.

On motion made by Mr. Haas and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that the chairman of this Committee be Mr. William H. Gray.

The chairman also reminded the Board that it would be desirable to elect a standing Nominating Committee of the Board to serve for a period of one year and to bring in Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Board. These nominations would be limited to members of the Board. The following nominations were received:

Dr. Forrester Washington
Mr. John Griffin
Mrs. Eugene Spearman

On motion made and duly seconded,

7. IT WAS VOTED that this group be accepted as the Nominations Committee to bring in to the Board nominations for members of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Washington be named as chairman of the Committee.

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the committee of three bring in the nominations for the officers of the Council. 1/

On motion made by Miss Wilkins and duly seconded,

9. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be requested to send to the Board, not less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting a proposed program and the proposed budget for the coming year.

DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM FOR 1948

Mr. Tydings turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to Mr. Williams to carry on the discussion of program of 1948. Msgr. McNamara reminded the body that the Resolutions Committee to serve at the next annual meeting should be designated at the end of the Annual Meeting.

1/ The Council's officers - President and Vice-Presidents, are elected annually by the Board.

On motion made by Mrs.J. D. Ames and duly seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of appointing a Resolutions Committee be referred to the Executive Committee for immediate action at their first scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes McKoy

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

RULES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. No member may speak more than two minutes until all wishing to be heard have spoken, unless so authorized by majority vote of the body.

2. Speakers must state name and State.

3. All resolutions shall be in the hands of a member of the Resolutions Committee by noon.

November 8, 1946

Mr. W. F. Caldwell, News Editor
The Associated Press
Atlanta Journal Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear WFC:

The Southern Regional Council will hold its annual membership meeting here Wednesday, November 13. This year the meeting will be open to the press.

For your information, several Southern publishers who are board members of SRC will be here: Virginius Dabney of Richmond, Alfred Mynders of Chattanooga, Hodding Carter of Greenville, Mississippi, and probably Louis I.Jaffe of Norfolk.

The open meeting will start at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday and will run, with time out for lunch, most of the day. Election of officers for the coming year will take place late Wednesday.

I hope you will see fit to send a staffer to cover the sessions.

Sincerely,

Ray Warwick

Other copies sent to:

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Western Union Building
Atlanta, Ga.

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Western Union Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Annual Meeting
November 13, 1946

The annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, November 13, 1946. Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, who asked Rabbi Stanley Brav to give the invocation.

The following members attended:

1. Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
2. R. B. Atwood
3. Mrs. L. M. Awtrey
4. W. Barton Beatty, Jr.
5. A. D. Beittel
6. Moses S. Belton
7. J. E. Blanton
8. Harry Boyte
9. Stanley R. Brav
10. T. Ruth Brett
11. J. Henry Brown
12. Mrs. W. C. Burns
13. Walter R. Chivers
14. Emily H. Clay
15. Frank W. Clelland
16. Rufus E. Clement
17. Virginius Dabney
18. Mrs. Annie Lee Davis
19. E. W. Dixon
20. Witherspoon Dodge
21. Kenneth Douty
22. Mrs. F. P. Drake
23. S. E. Duncan
24. Mrs. Mary Kate Duskin
25. R. B. Eleazer
26. John R. Ewbank
27. Margaret Fisher
28. Margaret Fletcher
29. Clark Foreman
30. Sam F. Freeman, Jr.
31. Mrs. Harry M. Gershon
32. Charles G. Gomillion
33. C. G. Gresham
34. John A. Griffin
35. Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman
36. Leonard Haas
37. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
38. Josephine Hamilton
39. Gordon B. Hancock
40. Mrs. A. A. Hardy
41. Mrs. Henry Havens
42. Jacob R. Henderson
43. P. W. Hill
44. W. Hardin Hughes
45. M. H. Jackson
46. Annie Tait Jenkins
47. Cyrus M. Johnson
48. Guy B. Johnson
49. Mrs. Guion G. Johnson
50. Stetson Kennedy
51. Flemmie P. Kittrell
52. John R. Larkins
53. Lucy R. Mason
54. Benjamin E. Mays
55. Frank McCallister
56. E. A. McDowell
57. Marjorie McLachlan
58. T. James McNamara
59. Mildred R. Mell
60. Mrs. Mary Raoul Millis
61. George S. Mitchell
62. Alfred Mynders
63. M. Mae Neptune
64. N. C. Newbold
65. C. H. Parrish
66. F. D. Patterson
67. J. G. Pollard, Jr.
68. Margaret Price
69. W. R. Ragland
70. Florence M. Read
71. Rebecca Reid
72. Allyn P. Robinson
73. G. D. Rogers
74. Lester Rumble
75. Charles D. Saxon
76. C. A. Scott
77. J. W. Seabrook
78. Mrs. Philip E. Shulhafer
79. James O. Slade
80. Mrs. W. B. Suddeth

81. Jewel M. Tatum
82. Mrs. A. Louise Taylor
83. L. E. Terrell
84. A. L. Thompson
85. Mrs. Inez B. Tillison
86. Mrs. M. E. Tilly
87. L. M. Tobin
88. Harold L. Trigg
89. Mrs. Lee Turman
90. J. M. Tydings
91. Wilma van Dusseldorp
92. Mrs. C. A. Ver Nooy
93. Mrs. Anna Warwick
94. Ray Warwick
95. Josephine Wilkins
96. Edward B. Williams
97. Paul D. Williams
98. G. D. Wilson
99. Harry L. Wright
100. M. A. Wright
101. Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

Others present:

1. Mrs. J. E. Blanton
2. John K. DeLoach
3. John Wesley Dobbs
4. Mrs. Kenneth Douty
5. Mrs. Mabel Faulkner
6. Mrs. John C. Hart
7. M. C. Hill
8. William S. Howland
9. Laurence C. Jones
10. A. F. Miller
11. Mrs. George S. Mitchell
12. Mrs. ~~George S. Mitchell~~ Maine F. Dafan
13. Turner L. Smith, Chief
    Civil Rights Section
    Department of Justice
    Washington, D. C.
    (Guest Speaker)
14. Mary Jane Willett

After welcoming the members, Mr. Williams reported that a committee composed of Msgr. T. James McNamara, Mr. Louis I. Jaffe, and Dr. Rufus E. Clement, had reviewed the minutes and had notified the Secretary that the minutes are accurate. On motion, duly seconded,

(1) IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the annual meeting of November 14, 1945, be approved.

Mr. Williams told the group that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on the day before there had been discussion concerning the presentation of resolutions at the annual meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that resolutions were presented too late in the day at the last annual meeting to allow proper consideration before the vote was taken. Having this in mind, he stated, it was decided by the Board of Directors that the members would be asked to submit written resolutions to the ~~Resolutions~~ Committee at the close of the morning session. He announced that Mr. M. A. Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee ~~will~~ would accept resolutions before luncheon but that none ~~will~~ would be accepted after that time.

Mr. Williams gave report of the President's activities during the past year, listing many speaking engagements and attendance at committee meetings nationally.

He stated that two of the most important trips he made were visits to the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board, the two chief foundations which make the work of the SRC possible. He stated that his business is in the educational field with a publishing company, which allows for an expense account, and that all trips have been at no expense to the Council.

The president talked for a few moments on "The Tactics of Progress", bringing out several questions on the philosophy and methods of the activities of the Southern Regional Council. He stated there are two major approaches to the problems involved in human relations (1) pressure from the outside, or (2) acting as a leaven from within. Some of the questions which arise are whether or not the Council should act as a leaven or utilize outside pressure, or both, and in what ratio; to what extent are we duplicating methods and procedures of other organizations; how much and what kind of publicity should we seek; how much direct action should the central office staff take and how much left to the local leaders. He stated some of these questions would be clarified in the reports of staff members. He expressed the need for more financial support so that more field staff can be employed. As SRC strives to advance in age, grace and wisdom, he stated, it is well to remember our primary purpose: to help in transforming sectional isolationism into regional cooperation, racial friction into bi-racial understanding and helpfulness, religious prejudice into rivalry only in doing good.

Dr. Johnson, the Executive Director, gave a review of the year's work. He stated that the present trend is discouraging with the reelection of Senator Bilbo and the comeback of Talmadge, but stated that we must accept the challenge and work all the harder for those things which we know are right. Hr reported highlights of accomplishments during the past year, among them; The Jacksonville Survey of its Negro community; progress on the separate-but-equal transportation study; Columbia, Tennessee, investigation and report; investigation of Walton County lynchings; several cases involving legal rights; Negro police; voting; veterans project; state divisions; publications, etc. He stated that the Council has 1,650 members, a gain of over 100% for the year. (A full report of Dr. Johnson's ~~talk~~ and Mr. Williams' remarks will be found in the December 1946 issue of New South.)

After Dr. Johnson's report, he told the group that he had come a decision to leave the work next year and return to the University of North Carolina. He stated that he was proud to have had a part in the work of the Council, that he ~~took the task with the intention of staying only until sufficient staff could be secured, and that he felt the work is now under way so that he can leave~~ believed his greatest contribution could be made by returning to Chapel Hill, and that someone else could direct the Council's better from here on. His final decision to leave SRC had been so recent, he stated, ~~that~~ certain details remain to be worked out, ~~that~~ He had discussed the matter with the Executive Committee and they agreed that the membership should know about it now. As soon as details are arranged, he said, he would ~~notify the board in~~ submit his resignation, and there would be ample time to choose a successor. He stated that his decision to leave sometime during 1947 would not mean that there will be any let-down in the work.

Mr. Williams commended Dr. Johnson for the fine work he has done as Executive Director, and stated he had found him to be a scholar, and a man of courage, integrity and patience.

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director, talked on "Looking Ahead." He pointed out that the future of SRC is interwoven with the regional movement to bring a more satisfying living to all of the South's 40 million people by giving aid to the trend toward a balanced economy and to the problems incident to the change from the old to the new. He pointed up the South's natural resources and human resources, and stated that the lack of balance in the development of these resources manifests an unhealthy symptom--poverty. He stated that the regional problem in the South is not race but the plight of all men who live so close to poverty and tragedy that their restricted effort is meaningless and non-productive. The solution, he stated, is not ~~primarily~~ simply to dethrone the demagogue, but to reach his followers with a more forceful argument and a sounder program for their betterment. (See New South for December, for a complete transcript of Dr. Trigg's talk.)

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Field Secretary, reported on field work in Georgia and Mississippi. She told of the work in Georgia by Dr. R. L. Russell, Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, (who was unable to attend the annual because of illness) before the gubernatorial campaign, how he called on all the district attorneys and attended many hearings in the courts when the purge of the registered voters was going on.

She told of the work in Mississippi and of sending out letters to ministers over the South about the Ku Klux Klan. She also reported on action which has been taken by women's church groups on the Segregation Study made by the Council in 1945. (For a detailed report of this, see December New South.) Mrs. Tilly told the group that back of all the work done by the field secretaries was the guidance and direction of Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Henry Havens, Field Secretary, reported concerning the work in Florida and the Eastern Seaboard, with the exception of Georgia. She told of the great pride which the mayor and citizens of Jacksonville take in the Jacksonville Survey, which was made under the supervision of the Council. She stated that in making this study, the thought and effort of citizens of both races were used all the way through. ~~the committee in charge of the study had developed "bi-racial" thinking~~. The Committee, headed by Mr. R. P. Daniel, completed the report, "Jacksonville Looks at Its Negro Community," and a continuing committee was appointed to see that the recommendations were carried out. There were results, she stated, almost before the survey was finished. She announced that Florida Division had its first annual meeting the 30th of October, and plans are now being made for a membership campaign. ~~goal is 1,000 members by March 1~~. Efforts are being made to build up strength in the local communities against putting Florida primaries back in the party control. She told of trips to North Carolina and to Virginia, and stated that the Norfolk Interracial group wants the Council to help with a survey similar to the Jacksonville Survey.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Services, told of the work of the Veterans Service Division. He told of the surveys ~~made~~ over the South of services to Negro veterans made by the Field Agents. He said that quiet persuasion was used in small towns to build a bridge between the official services and the Negro veterans, and generally the agents talked with a great many Negro veterans and encouraged them to apply for benefits, job training or education. He told of the growth over of the South of new trade training schools for Negro veterans and of the Veterans Administration in the various state departments employing Negro personnel. (For a complete account of Dr. Mitchell's talk, see December New South.)

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read ~~the following~~ several resolutions which were to come up for action at ~~for consideration of the members present, vote to be taken at~~ the afternoon session.

(1) The Southern Regional Council, Inc., wishes to record its considered judgment that the cause of better understanding and good will between the races in the South has made steady advancement in the last two decades. An enlightened press, churches and other organizations concerned with the application of genuine religion to human affairs, liberal educators and progressive layment of both races have shown courage and statesmanship in creating in the South conditions conducive to normal, happy and successful living by all of its citizens.

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The Council regrets that the results of such consecrated effort should have been set at naught in the post war period by a handful of bigots and assassins. The resurgence of organized intolerance and mob action culminating in the foul slaying of innocent men and women draws upon the South the scorn and contempt of civilized men everywhere.

The most disturbing feature of the situation has been the failure of officers of the law to protect their prisoners, to prevent organized murder and to apprehend and punish the guilty. The apparent immunity of lynchers constitutes the most serious indictment of states in which lynching occurs. Official utterances have not always been too reassuring as to the degree or extent of effort to detect.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED: 1. That the Council adopts as one of its principal objectives for the ensuing year the enforcement of all laws designed to thwart or punish mob violence.

2. That it summons to its aid all religious, civic and social institutions and all liberal citizens of the South in creating a sound public opinion deeply antagonistic to organized bigotry and mob violence.

(2) RESOLVED: That the Southern Regional Council, Inc., hereby expresses the sincere regret which it feels at the resignation of Miss Emily Clay as Secretary-and Treasurer of this organization; its sense of obligation for capable and devoted services rendered by her to it for three years and to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation for twenty years in that official capacity, and its conviction that her skill and zeal have greatly advanced the cause of understanding, tolerance and goodwill throughout the South.

Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, read the list of nominations which were to be considered in the afternoon ~~following report for the Committee, action to be taken after luncheon.~~

That the following members of the board, whose terms expire this year, be reelected to serve another four-year term:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Rufus B. Atwood
Louis E. Burnham
William E. Cole
Luther P. Jackson
Louis I. Jaffe

David D. Jones
Gerald P. O'Hara
Raymond Paty
Josephine Wilkins
Ira D. A. Reid
Philip H. Smulhafer
Goodrich C. White

For election to the Board of Directors:

Felton Clark, of Louisiana
Emily Clay, of Atlanta
D. V. Jemison, of Alamaba
Jennings Perry, Tennessee
Ed Ray, Florida

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:45.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Harry Wright, one of the Field Agents of the Veterans Service Division, told of his work in Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma. ~~He told~~ At the time of his first visit to Natchez, Mississippi, ~~to find that~~ there were no veterans on job training, and three months later they had more than 100 Negro veterans on job training. In one city, he said, he learned that there were some 88 white veterans on job training and only one Negro veteran in the same town receiving the benefits. Mr. Wright, who is a former marine, told of an experience he had in Oklahoma City when he attended the organizational meeting of the veteran Marines in that area. He stated he and one other man were the only Negroes present, and there was a little embarrassment when the membership forms were passed out. He asked whether, if he joined there, his membership could be transferred to his home state. The Chairman suggested that the Negro members form their own organization. There was some discussion, and finally a woman ex-marine told the group that she would resign unless something was done about the matter on an equal basis.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mr. Turner Smith, a native Georgian and Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Washington. He said that there has been very close cooperation between the SRC and the Civil Rights Division in everything the Council has done in the field of civil rights. ~~Mr. Smith, he said, is a native Georgian, is a graduate of Mercer, and formerly did work with the Georgia Citizens Fact-Finding Movement.~~

Mr. Smith talked informally on the problems of civil rights, and discussed the ~~division's~~ government's progress in obtaining justice in recent violations of civil rights in the South. Mr. Smith emphasized that present Federal civil rights law was primarily

designed to protect the individual from oppression by the government, either Federal or state, and not to protect one individual from another. Answering questions about the Federal government's role in a case like the Monroe lynching, Mr. Smith pointed out that the Department of Justice could prosecute only if the state, through any official, ~~were~~ was a party to the crime, and could even then obtain conviction only if it could be proved that such an official had wilfully deprived the citizen of his civil rights. He told the members that the Civil Rights Division received more than 30,000 letters, telegrams and other communications from people all over the nation demanding that the perpetrators of the Monroe lynching be brought to justice.

Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report for the first ten months of 1947, and estimated expenditures for November and December. The report showed an estimated deficit at the end of the year of $2,583.51, for the regular budget, and a possible surplus of $1,357.06 in the Veterans Service account. (See reports on file.) On motion made and seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Dr. F. D. Patterson talked for a few moments concerning the financial condition of the Council. He stated that the demand for service has been indicated by the types of reports which have been given, and that more funds are needed to go ahead with the expanded program in the future. The membership of the Council, he said, will increase as evidenced by the 100 per cent increase in 1946, and some support can be expected from ~~them~~ members. But success, he stated, will require more funds than can be secured from memberships. He stressed the importance of more ~~modest~~ small gifts and fewer substantial grants, and asked that every member recognize an obligation to make personal appeals for financial aid for the Council whenever ~~they~~ he can.

Mr. Clelland and Dr. McDowell suggested that there be established special student memberships and a membership campaign be undertaken to enlist every student possible. Mrs. Ames suggested that members make pledges to make a contribution between now and January 1st to liquidate the deficit.

Dr. Clement reported the following recommendations from the Board of Directors:

(1) That joint memberships in the Southern Regional Council be established for husband and wife, and that dues for such memberships be $3.00 a year.

(2) That all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

(3) That in the program for the ensuing year, major emphasis be placed in the following fields: Law enforcement, police training and prevention of violence.

(4) That a pamphlet be issued by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups; this pamphlet to include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

(5) That the Council urge the State Divisions and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

(6) That the matter of selecting a National Advisory Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with the power to act, and that the members of the Board of Directors be asked to make suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning personnel for the Committee.

(7) That the Council accept with regrets the resignation of Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, who is moving to another state.

On motion duly seconded -

2. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendations of the Board of Directors be approved.

At this point in the meeting, Msgr. McNamara rose and paid tribute to Miss Emily Clay for her 23 years of consecrated service to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and to the Council. He commended her for the excellent work she has done, praised her quiet efficient manner, and stated that her consecration to the work will well serve as an example to everyone in achieving the goal of the Council. He presented her with an inscribed silver platter from the Board and staff.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were read by Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman. He submitted the following names of board members whose terms expire in 1946 for reelection for four-year terms.

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Rufus B. Atwood
Louis E. Burnham
William E. Cole
Luther P. Jackson
Louis I. Jaffee
David D. Jones
Gerald P. O'Hara
Raymond Paty
Ira DeA. Reid
Philip H. Shulhafer
Goodrich C. White
Josephine Wilkins

In addition to the above, the following names were submitted as new board members to serve four year terms.*

Felton Clark, Southern University, Louisiana
Jennings Perry, Nashville, Tennessee
Ed Ray, Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Florida
Emily Clay, Atlanta, Georgia
D. V. Jemison, Selma, Alabama

On motion made and duly seconded,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the ~~above~~ persons nominated be elected to the Board of Directors for four-year terms.

On request of one of the members present Dr. Clement read the complete list of the Board of Directors and the date of expiration of terms. (See list in file.)

Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman of ~~reporting for~~ the Committee on Resolutions, ~~recommended the adoption of the resolutions as read just before the meeting adjourned for luncheon.~~ reported the resolution which had been approved by the Committee. ~~He read again resolution Number 1 (1) on mob violence. In the discussion the following changed were suggested:~~ After discussion and acceptance of certain revisions, the first resolution read as follows:

Give final form in full

The second sentence, which reads "An enlightened press, churches and other organizations...." be changed to read "A more enlightened press, churches....".

In paragraph two, first sentences, which reads "The Council regrets that the results of such consecrated effort should have been set at naught in the postwar period..." be changed to read "The Council regrets that the results of such consecrated effort should have been to some extent counterbalanced in the postwar period..."

In the last paragraph the word "liberal" be omitted.

The resolution would then read as follows:

(copy with changes)

On motion, duly seconded-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted ~~with the changes suggested.~~

Mr. Wright read then read the following resolution: ~~resolution number 2 with regard to Miss Clay's resignation,~~ Quote there

~~and~~ On motion, duly seconded-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted with regrets.

* all of these have accepted except Mr. Jennings Perry.

~~* Mr. Jennings later declined.~~

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 13, 1946

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

PROGRAM

Morning Session

9:30 A. M. -- Registration.

10:00 A. M. -- Call to Order by Paul D. Williams, President of the Council.

Invocation.

Minutes of the 1945 Annual Meeting.

Report on Membership and Finance, by Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Council as I See It, by President Paul D. Williams.

Review of the Year's Work, by Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director.

Looking Ahead, by H. L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director.

Reports by Field Secretaries, by Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Henry Havens.

The Veterans Service Project, by George S. Mitchell, Director, and Harry L. Wright, Field Agent.

General Discussion.

12:30 P. M. -- Recess for Luncheon.

Afternoon Session

2:00 P. M. -- The Federal Government and Civil Rights, by Turner L. Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors.

Report of the Committee on Nominations, by Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions, by Marion A. Wright, Chairman.

Other Business.

Adjournment.

LITERATURE ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

We are not surprised any more by what we find in our mail. It may bring a request for a single copy of a leaflet which was published by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation fifteen years ago, or it may be an order for 500 copies of our latest pamphlet.

It is the requests for information that make us want to tear our hair sometimes. One woman writes: "Don't you think the Negroes are getting out of hand? Please tell me what can be done about it." From California a high school boy writes: "Please tell me all you can about the going on of the youth of the minority group." A North Carolina farmer, having read a notice about our pamphlet Machines in the Cotton Fields, says, "I want to know can you furnish me with tractor tire size 7-50-22 and tube for the same." Seriously, most of the requests are reasonable, and so far we have always managed to answer them.

The following tabulation shows the distribution of orders and requests by states since January 1, 1946. It does not include requests that come over the telephone or by personal visits to the office.

STATE	No.of Orders For Literature	No. of Requests For Information
Alabama	92	8
Arizona	6	1
Arkansas	22	4
California	47	6
Colorado	8	1
Connecticut	11	6
Delaware	1	1
Dist. of Columbia	23	9
Florida	37	7
Georgia	75	18
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	116	8
Indiana	23	2
Iowa	19	3
Kansas	26	1
Kentucky	38	2
Louisiana	43	3
Maine	1	1
Maryland	22	2
Massachusetts	16	1
Michigan	55	5
Minnesota	16	1
Mississippi	62	21
Missouri	9	6
Montana	0	0
Nebraska	7	1
Nevada	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0
New Jersey	32	9

STATE	Literature Requests	Information Requests
New Mexico	4	0
New York	133	30
North Carolina	86	22
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	45	7
Oklahoma	19	1
Oregon	12	16
Pennsylvania	41	3
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	35	10
South Dakota	2	0
Tennessee	96	21
Texas	90	12
Utah	1	0
Vermont	2	3
Virginia	65	15
Washington	11	0
West Virginia	7	2
Wisconsin	18	0
Wyoming	0	0
Foreign Countries	4	3
TOTAL	1498	272

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

Here is a summary showing the number of copies of Council pamphlets and leaflets which were distributed from January 1 to November 1, 1946.

Pamphlet	No. Copies
The Southern Regional Council: its Origin and Purpose	2800
America's Tenth Man	5200
Understanding Our Neighbors	6400
Economic Value of the Negro to the South	2100
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation	~~1100~~ 11,000
Wanted: A Healthy South	5000
Singers in the Dawn	600
The South: America's Opportunity Number One	2400
New South	45000
Leaflets	55000
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November 18, 1946

Mr. Theron L. Caudle
Assistant Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caudle:

In behalf of the Southern Regional Council I want to express our deep appreciation for your kindness in making Mr. Turner Smith available to our annual meeting on last Wednesday.

I would be putting it mildly to say that Mr. Smith made a splendid talk and that the Council members present were very enthusiastic over what he had to say. After his talk there was a spirited discussion which no doubt would have gone on for an hour if that much time had been available.

Again thanking you for your courtesy and with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing Assistant Attorney General Caudle concerning my visit with your organization last week and particularly do I appreciate your generous remarks as to my talk before the Council members.

It was with genuine regret that I learned while there that you are planning to leave the Council next year. All of those present who had occasion to mention this to me expressed their genuine regret over this and remarked that it would be extremely difficult to fill your place. I hope that this new move by you will not mean that we won't meet again on problems in which we are mutually interested.

With all best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Turner L. Smith

Turner L. Smith, Chief
Civil Rights Section

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Dear Clay —

My congratulations to the entire staff for the most successful meeting yet!

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April 14, 1947

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Thank you for your letter of April 1 in which you returned the Annual Meeting minutes. I shall make the slight correction on page 10 that you suggested. I certainly agree with you that the words "with regrets" should be deleted.

I appreciate so much your expression of good wishes to me in my new position. In my new job I will be assistant to the manager of a new building and loan association. My husband and I plan to put some money into this business venture, and the financial prospects seem good. I think I will find this new work interesting, even though it is in an entirely different field from the Council's work.

Cordially,

Inez B. Tillison

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April 1, 1947.

Mrs. Inez B. Tillison,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.,
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My dear Mrs. Tillison:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st enclosing draft of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 13, 1946.

On page 10 the following appears: "It was voted that the resolution be adopted with regrets." I think the words "with regrets" should be deleted. I have no further suggestion to make.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you have resigned the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Your devoted and efficient services have meant a great deal to the Council, and we shall miss you very much.

Wishing you success and happiness in your new field of endeavor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Haas

Leonard Haas.

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April 14, 1947

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, returning the Annual Meeting minutes. I have made some changes in the paragraph on page 2 concerning the matter of presentation of resolutions. This paragraph as revised will read as follows:

> Mr. Williams told the grup that at the annual meeting November 1945, there had been discussion concerning the presentation of resolutions. It was the consensus of the meeting that resolutions were presented too late in the day to allow proper consideration before the vote was taken and that a standing committee on resolutions should receive resolutions in time to consider them properly. In keeping with this policy, he stated, it was suggested by the Board of Directors in its meeting November 12, 1946, that the members would be asked to submit written resolutions to the Committee not later than the close of the morning session. He announced that Mr. M. A. Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee would accept resolutions before luncheon but that none would be accepted after that time.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will go ahead and insert this in the official record.

I assure you that I am leaving the Council with a great deal of regret, for both the work and the associations I have formed here have meant much to me during these past months. Working with you in the Council's program has been a wonderful experience, and one which I am not likely to forget. I cherish your blessings, for I know that they come from the heart of a truly consecrated person.

Cordially,

Inez B. Tillison

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Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
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Savannah, Georgia

April 5, 1947

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Miss Inez B. Tillison,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Miss Tillison:

I am so sorry to hear that you are resigning your office with the Council. We will all miss you but will find a measure of compensation in that your membership will continue.

The field is so important and so inadequately evaluated by our Region that it is distressing when one who knows the field and whose judgment of it in relation to our Southland is so clear finds it necessary to sever an intimate connection. Your sacrifices in behalf of good Race Relations should merit for you success in your chosen endeavor and I am sure that He, Who sacrificed so much in behalf of us all, will see to it that His blessing will be upon your efforts.

Regarding the minutes, - I have reviewed them and have but one observation to make on them. On page two, Mr. Williams is quoted as having said that the matter of the presentation of resolutions, on the occasion of the annual convention, had been discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors, held the day before. While it is true there had been a reference the day before on this matter, it was simply a reference and that to a decision which had been made at the previous Annual Meeting. With this one exception, I believe the minutes to be an accurate transcript of the proceedings of the meeting of the members, held Wednesday, November 13, 1946.

With greetings of this Holy Easter Season, I am,

Sincerely yours,

T. James McNamara

~~Rt.~~ Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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Mr Virginius Dabney
The Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Va.

Would help Council greatly, well as papers interested in our work, if you ask wire services cover annual meeting here Wednesday. Appreciate whatever you see fit to do toward prodding them to cover. Thanks and hope to see you here.

Ray Warwick

Southern Regional Council

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Would help Council greatly, well as papers interested in our work, if you ask wire services cover annual meeting here Wednesday. Appreciate whatever you see fit to do to prod them to cover. Thanks and hope to see you here.

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Southern Regional Council

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
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MEETING OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES
February 1, 1945

The meeting of representatives of the state interracial organizations was held in the Conference Room of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., on Thursday, February 1, 1945, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The following attended: For Alabama- Mr. J. T. Brooks, State Teachers College, Montgomery, representing the Rev. Wm. H. Marmion, State Chairman; Florida- Mrs. Henry Havens, Jacksonville, representing Bishop John D. Wing, State Chairman; Georgia- Dr. R. L. Russell, McDonough, representing the Rev. George E. Clary, State Chairman; Kentucky- Dr. W. W. Stout, Fisherville, representing Dr. Edward A. McDowell; Louisiana- Dr. M. C. D'Argonne, New Orleans; Mississippi- Mr. F. C. Willcoxon, Vicksburg; North Carolina- the Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Durham, representing Bishop Edwin A. Penick, State Chairman; South Carolina- Mr. Marion A. Wright, Conway; Texas- Dr. A. L. Porterfield, Fort Worth; Virginia- the Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Richmond, representing the Rev. John Page Williams, State Chairman; Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, respectively, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. Johnson explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to enable us to get better acquainted with the leaders of the various state committees and to have a frank discussion of the Council's relationship to the state groups. He recalled that the Interracial Commission, which the Council had absorbed, had a close working relationship with most of the state committees -- so close, in fact, that a great many people who were members of the state organization were under the impression that they were automatically members of the Commission, which was actually a small body with a membership of only about 135. Dr. Johnson stated that when the Council took over the Commission it started with a very small budget and an equally small staff, so that it was not able to give as much attention to the state committees as the Commission had given. During 1944, however, he reported that he or Dr. Reid had attended either state meetings or executive committee meetings in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, while a small conference in Kentucky was attended. Dr. Johnson said he realized that there had been a great deal of misgiving among some of the members of state committees as to the intentions of the Council. He reported that some had said they had heard that "so far as the Council was concerned the state committees would just die out," but he assured the representatives that this was a false rumor. The Council, he said, "wants very much to see the state committees continue and grow, and wants to develop an even larger service to them than was carried on by the Interracial Commission." He stated that the question of some formal affiliation with the Council had been discussed with several state committees, but that there was no definite action to report as yet. Three possibilities had been suggested, he said:

1- That the Council would simply have a working relationship toward the state committees, without any formal affiliation, as was the case with the Interracial Commission and state committees;

2- That a state committee would be affiliated, that its officers would become members of the SRC, but that it would not be necessary for all state members to become members of the Council. All who wanted to do so, however, could be members as individuals;

3- That the state committee could resolve itself into a state division of the SRC, which would mean changing its bylaws and constitution, and the state organization would then be composed of members of the Council living in that State.

Dr. Johnson explained that if the third possibility were followed the state committees might lose some of their members who were quite willing to be members of the state group but would not be willing to accept membership in the SRC. On the other hand, the state organization would undoubtedly gain some members of the Council who are not at present state committee members. This plan would necessitate a rather serious change in the nature of the state organizations. The Council, Dr. Johnson said, has no particular preference; the main thing is that we want to help the state groups — to have a close working relationship with them. He asked for a discussion on the matter of the kind of formal relationship that the state committees might prefer and the kind of help which the Council might give to the best advantage.

Mr. Arnold said that he had a specific request from the Chairman of the Asheville Committee, who wrote that he was very much interested to know what the North Carolina Commission has done about the SRC, whether the State Commission will continue to organize on the same basis, or whether it will be absorbed by the Council. If it will not be absorbed, he wanted to know what the relation between the State Commission and the Council will be.

Mr. Brooks reported that that type of question was uppermost in the minds of the Alabama Committee members. It was his opinion that this was a very pertinent question which greatly needs clarification.

Dr. Porterfield said that the Texas Commission has already voted to affiliate with the SRC on the basis of the second proposal, and they had the idea that they should cooperate with the Council in every area of interest. He said, however, that they would be willing to change if they saw advantages in doing so.

Mr. Willcoxon stated that the Mississippi Council had discussed the subject and had voted about 40 per cent for No. 3 and 60 per cent for No. 2.

Mr. Wright said that his own personal preference would be No. 3, and he had a feeling that the S. C. Committee would approve it. He reported that they were definitely committed to as close a basis as possible. He expressed the opinion that there would be considerable advantage in having a South Carolina Division of the SRC.

Dr. Porterfield said that "Texas might come to No. 3." He called attention to the fact that the name "Commission on Interracial Cooperation" creates the wrong psychology in the minds of some people. He spoke particularly of the Latin-Americans in Texas who will not affiliate with the organization under this name. It was his opinion, however, that under the name of the Southern Regional Council they might cooperate.

Mr. Wright said it seemed that the argument was largely in favor of having a state division of the SRC. Although it was said that the state organizations might lose some members under that arrangement, he felt that they "might gain a considerably larger number of people who might not be keen about the interracial activities of the organization but would be interested in the other phases of the Council's program."

Mrs. Stevens stated that the Florida group, which is newer than the other state committees, organized with the aims of the SRC in mind and called themselves the Florida Council of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with the idea that they would later become a part of the SRC. The Florida membership, she said, is limited to 100 persons who are preferably representatives of local groups, the idea being to build up community groups rather than a large state group.

Dr. D'Argonne said that the Louisiana group had always felt that they were a division of the SRC.

Dr. Russell stated that the situation in Georgia is the reverse of that in Florida, for members of local committees are urged to become members of the State Committee.

Mr. Allen recalled that under the old Interracial Commission set-up Virginia and North Carolina had a joint relationship. In Virginia there was an Executive Committee of about 66 members, half of whom lived in Richmond and the others, outside of that city. There were local groups, he said, but they had not had a state membership, and there were no dues. When the work in the two states was separated, however, Virginia proceeded immediately to build up a state membership. The set-up, he said, called for dues of $2.00 for regular members and $5.00 or more for sustaining members, 25 cents of this to be sent to Atlanta for THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER. Mr. Allen reported that since December 1943, when the first state meeting was held, contacts had been made with local groups and that about twenty-five local committees had been rejuvenated or started from the beginning. At the end of the first year, he said, Virginia had a paid membership of about 450. He stated, however, that the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation had accepted an invitation to affiliate with the recently organized Virginia Council of Churches and "to become, in effect, the voice of that organization in the field of race relations." Recognizing the fact that the Virginia Commission included Jews, Roman Catholics, and persons who were not in any particular church group, it was decided to have a small over-all committee that would work in the field of race relations, and provision was made for a person to have membership in this group without becoming a member of the Council of Churches. It was agreed, Mr. Allen said, that the local committees would continue as in the past, with an affiliation with the state group, and that it had been suggested that the local groups have membership fees of 50 cents, that the state membership be $1.50, and that the sustaining membership of $5.00 be retained. Mr. Allen said that they were still in the experimental stage, but it was felt that they were "going forward" with the work in Virginia under the new set-up.

The Texas Commission, Dr. Porterfield said, encourages the affiliation of church groups. The membership of the State Commission is limited to 100 members, who pay a fee of $5.00. Texas also has a student membership of 50 cents, associate membership of $2.00, and organization membership of $10.00. Any organization that wants to be affiliated with the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation pays $10.00 and has representation on the State Commission, and Texas seeks affiliation of as many organizations as possible, according to Dr. Porterfield.

Mr. Arnold said that when the North Carolina and Virginia Commissions separated he was Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches and was asked to become part-time Director of the North Carolina Commission. North Carolina was reported to have about 1500 members, but only about 300 were found who were "still living and doing well." All those who expressed interest and who considered themselves members of the State organization were kept on the roll, and when anyone expresses interest through a financial contribution or otherwise he is put on the membership list. North Carolina has never concentrated on a big drive to get members. The North Carolina Commission operates on a very modest budget of $1800, Mr. Arnold said, and the money comes chiefly from individual contributions and from representative schools of the State.

It was Mr. Willcoxon's opinion that Mississippi would prefer to continue as a separate unit from the Council of Churches, as he felt that both Jews and Catholics were greatly needed in the organization.

Mr. Arnold said that the North Carolina Council of Churches has a Committee on Race Relations, but that the Council and the Commission are entirely separate, and a person can join the Commission without feeling that he is a member of the Council of Churches.

Mr. Allen said that Virginia expects to have that arrangement, also. Many of the people who have been most active in the Commission, he said, were leaders in forming the Virginia Council of Churches. The Virginia Commission, according to Mr. Allen, is not being absorbed by the Council, but is cooperating, and it was understood that the Commission would be free to determine its own policies. The Council of Churches has issued invitations to Negro churches in the State to affiliate.

Mrs. Havens asked what the division was racially in states which have unlimited membership. She said that the Florida Council, which is limited to a membership of 100, is bound by its bylaws to have the membership equally divided between white and Negro.

Mr. Wright expressed the opinion that South Carolina has considerably more Negro than white members, although the Executive Committee is equally divided. He explained, however, that he might not be accurate in this opinion, since the state meetings usually are held in Negro colleges and all those present might not be members of the State Committee.

Mr. Willcoxon said that Mississippi has an unlimited membership, but that each member must be recommended by a member. Mississippi has a small membership fee. He reported that "only recently the Catholics and Jews have come in." The Jews, he said, designated two people to serve as their representatives, so the cooperation is very close.

Mrs. Havens reported that she had recently been asked by a Tennessee friend whether the SRC was including as one of its problems the returning of loyal Japanese Americans to the various communities after being in internment camps. She expressed the opinion that we might well open our membership to these people. Dr. Johnson said it was his opinion that the Council would want to do so.

On motion of Dr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Wright-

IT WAS VOTED that this group recommend that it should be the policy of the Southern Regional Council to welcome into its membership the members of any minority racial group.

Dr. Johnson reported that, at the annual meeting of the SRC on December 6, a proposal was included in the 1945 program that the Council be authorized to set up a state unit in any state which has 100 Council members. He said that authorization had been given to organize these state councils if it seems advisable to do so.

Dr. Porterfield expressed the opinion that it would not be possible for this group of state representatives to agree on any uniform plan and that whatever affiliation or relationship develops will have to be developed on the basis of what the various state groups want to do. In Texas, he stated, they have a strong tradition going back to the organization of the State Commission on Interracial Cooperation about 1920, and the Texas Commission would not want to give up their name at present. He thought, however, that they might be willing to change the name later.

Dr. Johnson gave assurance that the Council would not want to organize state divisions if this would harm the state committees in any way.

Dr. Stout expressed his preference for proposal No. 3, a plan which is followed by a number of the national organizations. He thought, however, that each state should agree on the plan that it prefers.

Mr. Allen said that some people feel that "interracial" has been confusing. Yet there are others, he said, "who feel that there has been a continuity working through the years and they want to retain the name 'Commission on Interracial Cooperation'".

Dr. Porterfield concurred in the opinion that the term "interracial" is confusing and said that there are others in Texas who believe this, also.

It was Dr. D'Argonne's opinion that, unless there is more regional or national influence behind what is being done, the people in Louisiana do not pay attention to it.

Mr. Willcoxon said that many members of the Mississippi Council on Interracial Cooperation think that they should "come in," but there are some who are not quite ready. Proposal No. 2, therefore, might be best for Mississippi just now, he thought. He suggested that the members of state groups be encouraged to affiliate with the SRC, and perhaps in three or five years the whole plan will work out.

In answer to the Louisiana statement, Mr. Willcoxon said that there is a pretty large group of people in Mississippi who are fighting centralization, feeling that we are going to become too centralized and may lose our local autonomy.

Dr. Johnson said he thought that as long as an organization has a bi-racial membership, no matter what its name is, it is going to get "tagged one way or another." He stated that, although the founders of the SRC deliberately took a name different from "interracial," the Council is frequently referred to as the Southern Interracial Council, the Southern Regional Council on Race Relations, etc.

Dr. Porterfield said his conception of the SRC has been that the problem of the minority group cooperation is only one aspect of it and that there are other very important aspects. That is one reason for his wanting a state division of the SRC. Then, all the other things on the program could be undertaken and more interest on the part of the majority group could be secured.

Mr. Wright said that he had not realized that there would be these conditions prevailing in the different states which might complicate a uniform method of cooperation. The ultimate aim, in his opinion (and he was convinced that the South Carolina Committee would be willing to achieve that aim now), is that one who becomes a member of the local interracial group also becomes a member of his state group and of the SRC. He might pay $1.00 to the local group; then he might add, say, $2.00 and become a member of the state group, and another $2.00 and become a member of the SRC. One who pays $5.00 would, therefore, link himself with the three organizations in his territory which have for their aim the improvement of race relations. Mr. Wright felt that this would be the ideal arrangement. He said, however, that he would concede that if we should go to a local organization with a constitution and bylaws or statement of objectives, telling them that we thought they should adopt it, this might cause resentment. On the other hand, the state groups, he said, might go to the local groups and say "We should like for you to adopt this program." That, Mr. Wright thought, would make for uniformity, and the relationship would be the same as that between the Atlanta office and state offices. He expressed enthusiasm for this plan, which he thought "would bring to every member of an interracial group in the back woods a sense of solidarity." He said he thought that to accomplish the most good each state should have the same relationship as every other state toward

the Council; he was convinced that it would be advisable to have a uniform plan if possible.

Mrs. Havens suggested that the Executive Directors might be asked to lay our a five-year program -- something to work toward. It was her opinion that we might strive toward a common objective.

Mr. Wright thought there would be an advantage in abandoning the name "interracial" and adopting the name "State Division of the Southern Regional Council." The appeal them would be not only to those who are "hipped on interracial cooperation but those who are interested in the other problems with which the SRC is concerned."

In reply to Mr. Allen's inquiry as to the Council's plan for cooperating with the state groups, assuming these relationships, Dr. Johnson replied that that was one of the most important things to be agreed upon, and he suggested that it be discussed after lunch.

Mr. Allen said that the Virginia Commission had already taken up the various things covered by the resolutions passed by the Council at its annual meeting, and that it had been agreed that one great need now in Virginia is the question of the integration of the service man into normal life when he comes back.

Dr. Stout suggested that each state representative take back to his state group the three proposals offered by Dr. Johnson and let them take their choice. He said that he would urge that the state group in Kentucky work toward the aim of consolidating and then go just as far as possible now.

Dr. Reid asked whether an organization which does not wish to change its name might use a sub-line, "Cooperating with the Southern Regional Council."

Dr. Porterfield was of the opinion that there would be no objection to this and that, practically, the state groups would be doing exactly the same things which would be done under another name.

Mrs. Havens asked what the state representatives would think of asking the Executive Directors to draft a statement of a common ideal toward which the state groups might work -- a simple plan or chart from the local to the state to the SRC.

It was the consensus that the Executive Directors should be asked to prepare such a statement.

Dr. Johnson read a statement which he said had been sent to some of the state groups that had asked for advice. (See attached.) He expressed the opinion that No. 3 could not be done except in a few states.

Dr. Stout suggested that we might add to the statement that it is the hope of the Council that the state committees may come to No. 3.

Mr. Wright suggested that the state representatives might contract a sort of formal arrangement on the basis of No. 3; then, if any state could not go that far the next alternative would be the plan just outlined.

Dr. Porterfield expressed the belief that at any time it would be possible to resolve the Texas Commission into a group of the SRC.

Mr. Arnold suggested that the plan might be submitted to local groups, making provision for them to indicate whether they want to join the local or state organization or the SRC.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 2:15 P. M.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mr. Charles R. Lawrence, Jr., of the Social Science Institute, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, who told of the Institute of Race Relations which the American Missionary Association held at Fisk last summer and discussed the possibility of state institutes being held this year under the auspices of the state interracial committees and the American Missionary Association.

At the request of Dr. Johnson, the State representatives gave brief reports of the work in the various states, as follows:

Mrs. Havens reported that for the past year the Florida Council had interested itself in endeavoring to get municipalities in the State to add Negroes to their police force. Many of the communities have done so, she said, and others have taken on auxiliary officers. The Florida Council has also been interested in the educational side of the State, she said, and it has been concerned with many problems that have been peculiar to Florida. According to Mrs. Havens, every member of the State Council agrees to help other communities organize committees. She said that it has been "more or less the idea of one fellow helping the other with existing problems," and that the Florida State Council is peculiarly a clearing house.

Mr. Willcoxon said that Mississippi has been concerned with several major things: 1- The Mississippi Legislature made an effort to abolish a juvenile home for Negro children, the idea being to transfer the children to the state penitentiary. This was fought by the State Council. 2- Mississippi has been interested in the problem of education and is expecting some good legislation in this field. 3- Mississippi is trying to get a program set up to make a survey and compile information concerning the State, so that when the members of the State Council go out to work for needed improvements they will have the facts.

Mr. Willcoxon reported that in the Delta they had a "pretty good program," and that they are trying to get a college for Negroes located in that section.

Dr. Porterfield told of a series of questionnaires which the Texas Commission sent out: one to corporations, one to labor unions, and one to the committees for economic development in the various communities. He passed out copies of the questionnaires, as well as the magazine "The Opinion," containing an article entitled "Work Opportunities for Negroes in Texas," by Dr. Edwin A. Elliott, which is a report covering a part of the results of the questionnaires.

The Texas Commission, Dr. Porterfield reported, has committees working in the area of education, agriculture, social welfare and health, and legislation, and a committee in the area of minority service is interested in the returning Negro service man and in his being able to take advantage of the GI education bill. The whole idea, according to Dr. Porterfield, is that the Texas Commission "shall work hand in glove with the Southern Regional Council," whatever the group calls itself. The Texas Commission, he said, wants sound research, and on the basis of

sound research hopes to form public opinion. He stated, in response to an inquiry from Dr. Johnson, that this research is all volunteer work and "all comes out of somebody's sleep." He expressed the hope that Texas would soon have enough money to employ an Executive Secretary.

Dr. Johnson said that the Southern Regional Council hopes within the next few months to have a person on the staff who will devote all his time to working with and advising the state and local committees. This man will not be a research expert, he explained, but will be more of a public relations person, working between the Council and the state and local groups.

Dr. Porterfield said that the Texas Commission would like to find some approach to newspapers, as they felt that they were not getting enough publicity. It was the consensus of the state representatives that the best approach to the editors would be through the head of the state newspaper association.

Mr. Wright reported that the South Carolina Committee had had the cooperation of "a certain part of the South Carolina press in disseminating information." This had been brought about, he said, through the aid of a man who was once president of the state association and was extremely interested in the interracial problem, and who has sent the information to the press, urging that it be used.

Dr. Stout said that the Kentucky Council on Interracial Cooperation had done very little during the past year and that "what has been done has been done by Dr. McDowell." Kentucky has "Negro policemen, no trouble on the busses, apparently no segregation," he reported. He explained that he did not claim that there were no problems in Kentucky -- that they have "poverty, injustice in the courts, and inequality in educational opportunities," but that there are "no outstanding problems attracting public attention." The fact that Kentucky had no outstanding problems, in his opinion, is due to the State's two-party political system.

Mr. Arnold expressed the opinion that the greatest contribution which the North Carolina Commission has been able to make has been in the field of the newspaper, "trying to create a better feeling and getting more news reported." He said this has been done "not just by appealing to the editors, but by appealing, also, to the Negroes themselves to report the news." He told of the progress which had been made toward getting the white papers to use pictures of Negroes.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Alabama Council had been rather inactive during the past year -- that "there seemed to be a period of lethargy in Alabama." He said, however, that there had been a fairly active group in Montgomery, which had held about three meetings during the year.

Mr. Wright said that in a political campaign in South Carolina last summer some of the candidates, over the radio as well as on the stump, made speeches "which were calculated to offend Negroes." The State Committee, he reported, passed a resolution which was presented to radio operators, in which the Committee took the position that "there should be voluntary censorship and that nothing should be said over the air that would offend Negroes or any other minority group." As a result, the situation changed. South Carolina, according to Mr. Wright, has also beeninterested in securing from the press of the State as favorable publicity as possible concerning the activities of Negroes. This has been done through the press, itself, "apparently as its voluntary action." The South Carolina Committee has supplied information, largely from the Fisk publication, "A Monthly Summary of Events and Trends in Race Relations," indicating a favorable trend in other Southern communities. Through a resolution passed by the Board of the State Committee, the newspapers have been asked to give publicity to the achievements of Negro service men and women. Mr. Wright told of investigations which his committee had made of an incipient riot at Lake City, S. C., several months ago, where it was found that

"some drunken white soldiers were to blame," and of conditions at the State Penitentiary, which were found to be "quite bad from the standpoint of brutality against Negroes." The findings of the investigation of the penitentiary situation were published, Mr. Wright reported, and as a result the Superintendent gave instructions that no corporal punishment was to be inflicted on the prisoners in the future. Mr. Wright spoke of the poor library facilities for Negroes in South Carolina. He reported that the State Library Association and the State Library Board had been requested to permit white libraries to allow Negro teachers to use their facilities in preparing for state examinations which they are required to take in order to get promotions. It was hoped that if the facilities are made available to teachers this will lead to making them available to everyone. Mr. Wright reported, further, that it had been suggested that the South Carolina Committee recommend to the new Governor the appointment of a commission, consisting equally of white and Negro citizens, for the purpose of reporting to the Governor and the State Legislature on all phases of the racial problem in the State. It was thought that this might help to improve conditions in South Carolina. The Committee now has this suggestion under consideration.

Dr. Johnson called attention to a similar commission appointed by the Governor of Kentucky and said that "the Kentucky Council could do an educational job through propagandizing the commission's report."

Mr. Allen said that the Governor of Virginia last year recommended (1) that the State tuberculosis institution for Negroes be staffed by Negro personnel; (2) that an extension of the State College at Petersburg be established in Norfolk; (3) that the State College be put under an all-Negro Board; and (4) that a cooperative plan be developed which would make it possible for a maximum of 25 Negro students from Virginia to attend Meharry Medical School on scholarships. Mr. Allen said that the Negroes did not want an all-Negro Board for the State College and that at the request of the members of the Virginia Commission the idea was abandoned.

Mr. D'Argonne reported that the Louisiana Commission's plan is (1) to improve interracial feeling and attitudes through mutual consideration and study of those problems affecting the welfare of both races; (2) to work for the improvement of educational facilities for Negroes in the public schools of the State, and to obtain adequate health and recreational programs for Negro children through the appointment of visiting nurses, social workers, etc.; (3) to obtain adequate vocational training for Negro youth in the public schools of the State and to have those training facilities located in all high schools where their existence is justified; (4) to assist in forming committees in churches, societies, lodges, etc., to disseminate information to Negroes regarding social service facilities, and to acquaint returning veterans with their privileges under the GI Bill, by furnishing proper directions as to where they must apply; (5) to assist in forming interracial committees in every parish (county) in the State where conditions warrant this, and (6) to cooperate actively with every recognized agency in the State in efforts to suppress interracial ill-will and to promote a program of study and consideration of the needs of Negro citizens of Louisiana.

Mrs. Havens said that, if the funds of the Southern Regional Council would stand it, she would like to see the Council make a small appropriation to each state committee, as a gesture of good will.

As it was necessary for several of the state representatives to leave on afternoon trains, the meeting adjourned at 4 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY
Acting Secretary

MEMORANDUM ON
AFFILIATION OF STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
WITH THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The bylaws of the Southern Regional Council provide that organizations having purposes similar to those of the Council may become affiliates of the Council.

The procedure for affiliation is as follows: After discussion between representatives of the Council and of your organization a letter of agreement will be drawn up. When this is approved by our Executive Committee and by your organization, or its authorized representatives, it becomes an official agreement of affiliation. Certain minor details would have to be worked out, but the basic provisions of the agreement would be along the following lines:

1- It is understood that under our charter and bylaws all membership in the SRC is on an individual basis. This means that members of an affiliated organization do not automatically become members of the SRC en masse. However:

(a) All officers of an affiliate become members of the SRC by virtue of the agreement; and

(b) Any other members of an affiliate who wish to apply for membership in the SRC will be given preferred consideration. As far as we know at present the SRC is not limiting its membership. This means that our Membership Committee would probably accept all members of affiliates who wish to join the SRC.

2- Each person joining the Council pays the regular dues which are at present one dollar a year. If agreeable, the affiliated organization would collect these dues and transmit them to us each year in a lump sum to cover all of its members who are members of the Council. Otherwise, each member would transmit his own dues directly to the Council. Either arrangement is satisfactory to us as long as there is a consistent procedure.

3- The Council and the affiliate agree to cooperate to the utmost of their ability.

(a) The Council will assist in planning and implementing the action program of the affiliate in every way that it can, including assistance in conferences, speakers, informational material, publicity, and distribution of special literature.

(b) The Council will endeavor to sponsor an annual planning and strategy conference composed of officers of the affiliated organizations.

(c) In addition to such special projects as it may undertake, the affiliate agrees to promote the program of the Council to the best of its ability on a state and/or local basis.

4- Neither party to the agreement assumes any financial obligations toward the other party. However, this does not preclude the making of specific arrangements from time to time.

5- It is hoped that as soon as possible each state affiliate will become a unit of the Southern Regional Council; that is, that all members of the state group would have become members of the Council.

We shall be glad to discuss further details if your organization is interested in affiliation with the Southern Regional Council. If necessary one of our staff members can meet with your organization, or with its representatives.

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ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF INTERRACIAL COOPERATION
Thos. C. Allen, Director

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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The task of increasing interracial cooperation in the South and of removing both the causes of friction and the handicaps of the Negro is two-fold. First, mental attitudes and emotions of both whites and Negroes must be changed by exposure to truth and development of understanding. Such truth and understanding is prerequisite to harmony between peoples and essential to the assurance of a full opportunity--economic and civic--for all citizens. Secondly, practical steps must be taken to open opportunities for Negroes, to guide them in the use of opportunities already available in a responsible way, and to remove physical handicaps which would interfere with discharging their responsibilities as citizens.

The Department of Interracial Cooperation is primarily concerned with the first phase of this task. Both through its philosophy and structure it tries to develop the dissemination of truth and understanding among Virginia citizens. The roots of interracial cooperation go back into the past. Many outstanding leaders of both races have been brought together. The channels of communication, conference and discussion are being kept open today by responsible leaders of the two races. The over-all purpose of the Department is to promote this understanding among the various races; to develop patterns by which they may work together; to seek equality of opportunity through education, research and united action; to improve educational, economic, civic and health conditions throughout Virginia; to preserve the spiritual values which arise in human relationships.

It has been our observation that the people of Virginia are eager to receive reliable information and that they will think and act on the basis of such information. Experience has taught us, however, that intelligent social action can be promoted only when a broad basis of public opinion has been established. It is here that we feel the Virginia Council of Churches through its Department of Interracial Cooperation can do its most effective work. The pattern that has been developed is that of a local committee composed of representative citizens from every area of life in a given community working together for the promotion of good will and understanding. Thus far twenty-six such local units have either been newly organized or revitalized in the following communities:

Alexandria	Ettrick	Petersburg
Arlington	Farmville	Portsmouth
Ashland	Franklin	Richmond
Blacksburg	Hampton	Roanoke
Bristol	Lawrenceville	South Boston
Charlottesville	Lexington	Suffolk
Clifton Forge	Lynchburg	Warrenton
Covington	Newport News	Williamsburg
Danville	Norfolk	

Definite contacts have been made with community leaders in Fairfax, Front Royal, Leesburg and Winchester. It is anticipated that early in 1946 new units will be formed in these localities.

The work of interracial cooperation in Virginia has been greatly strengthened by the formation of the Council of Churches. The joint action of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Council of Churches, whereby the race relations became a department of the Council, established a new pattern in the field of interracial cooperation. There was much interest among state leaders in the field of race relations when the outline of this new arrangement was presented in a meeting of these leaders sponsored by the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta in February of last year. During the year many inquiries have been received from community leaders in many of the states. Among these were Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. The accomplishments of the past year more than justify the wisdom of this action. There have been many items of interest in this first year of practical cooperation by the churches of Virginia in the area of interracial cooperation. It will be possible to mention only a few of these.

Even before the launching of the Virginia Council of Churches, plans were being considered for the holding of an Institute on Race Relations. An approach had been made by Charles S. Johnson asking for the cooperation of interracial leaders in the realization of these plans. Thus the first major assignment of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches was this Institute on Race Relations, March 12 to 16. Notwithstanding the restriction on travel imposed by ODT, some 160 people registered as attending one or more sessions of the Institute; of these 144 were from 20 localities in Virginia, and 16 were from areas outside the state. The topics selected by the program committee for discussion were: "The Church and Race Relations", "Education in a Bi-Racial School System","Race Relations and the Problem of Earning a Living" and "Citizenship in a Democracy".

Dr. Charles S. Johnson in the opening message said: "I am concerned with trying to find a bridge that can lead to understanding in a situation in which collective action is vital, now. It seems to me that we might reach a new basis of accommodation by ceasing to ask of each other what is for the present impossible; and by undertaking together a program of action in those areas where there is agreement--a program looking toward better facilities, more equal opportunities and privileges of citizenship". Commenting editorially on the results of the Institute in the Journal and Guide, Mr. P. B. Young, Sr., First Vice-President of the Southern Regional Council, stated: "It is obvious that the Institute on Race Relations under the auspices of church leadership has set a new or more progressive pattern for approaching the amelioration of our bi-racial problems. The new movement accepts democracy, and purposes to use the churches--the symbol of Christianity--as a vehicle for establishing a more real democracy in human relationships". The Race Relations Division of the American Missionary Association gave most helpful cooperation and support in making this Institute possible. We are especially grateful to Dr. Charles S. Johnson and Mr. Charles R. Lawrence, Jr., of the Social Science Institute of Fisk University for their personal assistance. The day sessions with a constant attendance of 60 met in the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond. The evening sessions with a maximum attendance of 200 used the Baruch Auditorium of the Medical College of Virginia. Many of the concrete suggestions presented during the Institute have been included in the program of activities for the coming year.

Another event of unusual significance was the Institute on the Returning Veteran. The over-all objective of the Department in 1945 was the preparation of the community to offer returning service personnel--Negro and white--the full opportunities of the democracy which they have fought to defend. When announcement was made that George S. Mitchell had been selected as Director of Veterans' Services of the Southern Regional Council, it was suggested that an effort be made to secure the cooperation of this agency in promoting an Institute which would acquaint community leaders of Virginia with what was being done and what could be done in assisting service personnel to make the transition from soldier to civilian. Plans for the Institute were approved and it was held November 8 and 9 in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond. Special emphasis was given to "Employment Opportunitites", "The Religious Life of the Veteran", and the "Educational Provisions for Veterans". There were 170 people from 24 different communities represented in those who attended one or more sessions of the two-day Institute. There have been many words of commendation as to the good accomplished in the holding of this Institute and we feel that it was infinitely worthwhile. One of the most significant statements made during the Institute was that of a Chaplain who stated that he had been impressed with the unity of fellowship which he had observed among the members of all faiths; the greater tolerance for those who differ in race, color and creed; and finally the vital program which the veteran desires to find when he returns to his local church.

The city of Norfolk has taken a forward step in interracial cooperation that should be a challenge to other Virginia municipalities. The recent decision by the city government to use some Negro citizens as policemen gives Norfolk the distinction of being the first city in the Old Dominion included in that increasing list of Southern cities that have found the use of Negro Policemen an effective method of preserving law and order as well as promoting better relations. We wish to commend the United Paper Company of Richmond for its excellent spirit of fairness as expressed in its New Year's Greeting. Featured in the greeting were the pictures of eight of its employees returning from military service to their positions. Three of these were Negroes, two having served in the Pacific and one in the European Theater. The greeting was carried in the News Leader's last edition of 1945 and in the Times-Dispatch's first edition of 1946.

In conclusion, it should be said that in the vital area of improving race relations, the surface has only been scratched. Opportunities for promoting better understanding in the fields of industry, education, government, religion and in the everyday contacts of Negroes and whites are almost unlimited. The need is urgent for men and women of goodwill to enlist in an active campaign to bring us closer to the Christian and democratic way of life. In this second year of cooperative effort as the churches do together what they cannot do alone, we invite the full support of the citizens of Virginia.

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Mr. Leo M. Favrot
805 Lake Park
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Assured of room. Call us on arrival.

Guy B. Johnson

LEO M. FAVROT
805 LAKE PARK
BATON ROUGE, LA.

Feb. 24, 1946

Dear Doctor Johnson:-

I plan to arrive in Atlanta by train from New Orleans early Thursday morning, Feb 28th. I shall expect to hear from you at what hotel I have a reservation, as I expect to spend Thursday night and most of Friday in Atlanta.

Very cordially,

Leo M. Favrot.

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February 21, 1946

Mr. Leo M. Favrot
805 Lake Park
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Favrot:

I have received your telegram and I am delighted that you can be with us on February 28. I am assuming that you will arrive on the morning of the 28th and that you will want a hotel room for that day and night.

The meeting of State Committee chairmen which we held last year was so helpful all 'round that we wanted to repeat it this year. The main points for consideration are: (1) Report from each state on the activities, problems and prospects of the State Interracial Committee; (2) methods of achieving closer cooperation between SRC and the State Committees; (3) discussion of state divisions of SRC, present and future.

Most of the State Committees are tied in with SRC on an affiliation basis. Two, Florida and Mississippi, have merged with SRC and are becoming state divisions. We have definite plans for two other divisions, one in Tennessee where there is no State Interracial group, and one in Louisiana, where the State group is not satisfactory to us as a nucleus for a State unit. Dr. D'Argonne was invited from Louisiana last year and he has been invited to the meeting next week. As far as I know, he plans to attend. I believe he understands the situation and I trust he will cause no unpleasantness.

We shall appreciate your advice on procedures for enlarging the membership in Louisiana, on officers to head up the Louisiana division in such a way that it will mean something to the state, and setting up a reasonable program of action in Louisiana.

Our meeting will begin at 10 A. M. on February 28 at our headquarters in the Wesley Memorial Building. There will be a recess for lunch and we will continue in the afternoon. I hope that we can adjourn about 4 P.M.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

(P. S. over)

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Later: So far, we have not been able to get a hotel room, but we will keep on trying. I am sure that if we are unable to get a room at a hotel, we can get accommodations at Atlanta University.

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FOR VICTORY BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

Telegram.

Feb. 20, 1946

Mr. Leo M. Favrot
805 Lake Park
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Could you represent Louisiana SRC at meeting of state heads in Atlanta February 28th? Expenses borne by Council. Please wire collect.

Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

February 4, 1946

Mr. Leo Favrot
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LA.

Dear Mr. Favrot:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 30. I am sure that by this time you have received our mimeographed letter of January 29 which bears directly on the point of your letter.

Frankly, I am quite disgusted with Dr. D'Argonne's proceedings. We have watched his efforts to establish a state interracial commission in Louisiana, and when he first began organizing, we gave him the names of some people who should be brought in. Last year, we invited him to a meeting of directors of state commissions. This did not imply in any way that we had recognized his group as a "state division" of SRC. Several of the state commissions are affiliated with us as independent organizations, but we have not even adopted that arrangement with the Louisiana Commission.

I was in New Orleans several times during the past year and I learned something about the feeling of some of our members toward Dr. D'Argonne. Furthermore, some of our leading members had not even been invited to join his group. Dr. D'Argonne was here last fall, at which time he told me that his organization was progressing very slowly and he was encountering "queer attitudes". He wanted me to give him our Louisiana membership list so that he could get hold of all of our members. This, I did not do. He has no right whatever to say that his group is the state division of SRC. However, I suspected that he was doing this, and that was the reason I worded my letter of December 19 to him as I did. (See quotation in my letter of January 29 to Louisiana members of SRC.) Incidentally, he has never sent me a copy of the letter which you enclosed marked "A", a fact which I think has some significance.

My letter to the Louisiana members will probably embarrass Dr. D'Argonne. I am sorry for this, but he has brought it on himself. We cannot play ball with him. He can organize any kind of state interracial group he wishes, and we will cooperate with it wherever we can, but we are going to organize our own state unit of SRC.

I certainly appreciate your writing me frankly as you did, and I shall be grateful for anything you can do to help us counteract the misinformation which Dr. D'Argonne has put out in his statement that his organization is our state division in Louisiana. With highest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

(Dictated, but not read.)

GUY B. JOHNSON, Executive Director

Baton Rouge,
Louisiana,
January 30, 1946.

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Doctor Johnson:

Monday a group of four of us met at my request to consider a matter of interest both to ourselves and to the Southern Regional Council. Dean Fred C. Frey of L.S.U., Dr. T. Lynn Smith, head of the L.S.U. Department of Sociology, A. C. Lewis, former State Agent of Negro Schools in Louisiana, and myself, constituted the group. Three of us had received copies of the letter enclosed, marked "A", and several members of the Department of Sociology had received similar letters.

On receipt of my letter I wrote at once to Dr. D'Argonne expressing interest in the cause of interracial cooperation, and asking questions relative to the personnel of the Commission and its program. The letter marked "B" is a copy of the reply received. I found that Mr. Lewis had not replied to Dr. D'Argonne's letter, that Dean Frey had sent in his $1.00 membership fee, as had Doctors M. B. Smith, Roy Hyde and Vernon Parenton.

Until the receipt of letter "A", none of us knew that a Louisiana Commission had been organized. We knew that Dr. D'Argonne headed a local committee in New Orleans that was striving to improve Negro public school facilities. We did not know that this committee was working in cooperation with the Southern Regional Council, nor that it had developed into the Louisiana Commission on Interracial Cooperation. We agreed, therefore, that I might seek information from you about the Commission and about D'Argonne's chairmanship of it.

We all realize that Louisiana is sorely in need of some such organization. I was chairman of one for a few years in the early 1920's, resigned upon accepting a position that kept me out of the State most of the time, and no one was found to assume the responsibility of the chairmanship, so it died. We find now that a new Commission appears to be in operation and I would say most of us are eager to become a part of such a movement.

Most of us have known Dr. D'Argonne for several years. He has been active in representing Xavier University at conferences in and outside of Louisiana. Those of us that have known him for a good while question seriously his capacity

to bring together some of the most important groups in Louisiana. For example, D'Argonne has been critical of both Dillard University and Southern University, which, along with Xavier University, make up the principal higher institutions for Negroes in Louisiana. Some of us know by experience that he is not easy to work with, so have reason to believe that he will experience difficulty in securing the cooperation of people primarily concerned.

Finally, the thing that we want from you is assurance that this movement has the approval of the Southern Regional Council. I think, too, we would like to feel that the control of this Commission is not vested in one man, and that its operation will be along democratic lines. Any information you can give along these lines will be greatly appreciated.

With cordial regards,

Yours sincerely,

Leo M. Favrot

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LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

To Members of the Southern Regional Conference:

This letter is a sincere invitition to you to become a member of the Louisiana Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The Louisiana Commission is the state division of the Southern Regional Council.

We are very anxious to increase our 1946 membership in this state. In the past we have tried to do much, with too few workers, and with inadequate support. There is much to be done in Louisiana, if we are to bring about a proper understanding of racial problems and obtain fair consideration of them.

The annual dues for State Membership is one dollar. Will you kindly drop us a card or line signifying your acceptance of membership? We need your support, and the support of all good citizens, in the program we are trying to carry out.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. D'Argonne

M. C. D'Argonne, Chairman
Louisiana Commission on Interracial Cooperation
% Xavier University
New Orleans, La.

(COPY) "B"

5933 Vicksburg Street,
New Orleans 19, Louisiana,
January 24, 1946

Mr. Leo Favrot,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Favrot:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, regarding the Interracial Commission.

The central office in Atlanta, gave me your name, as a member of the Southern Regional Council. The Louisiana Commission is the state division of the Council, and we are anxious to have all those people of the state who are members of the Council to become members of the Louisiana division also. There are many persons who are not members of the local division who would like to do something, in this cause, if they were acquainted with what the Commission is trying to do for the general betterment of this condition. This is the reason that the executive committee decided to extend an invitation to all the Council members to joint the State division, and see what we could accomplish, in Louisiana, for a better understanding between the races in the general field of human relations.

The Louisiana Commission has been functioning for the past three years. Numerically, we have not been as strong as we would like to be, nevertheless we have done a great deal to be proud of, in that period. We have attracted the attention of at least one member of the local school board, to the deplorable condition is some of the Negro schools. I suppose you have read of the criticism given by Mr. Fletcher, of the New Orleans School Board, regarding the city schools. The pre-election spurt to repair school buildings and improve school grounds was a direct result of this criticism. The Commission was the first organization to bring this situation to the attention of Mr. Fletcher. We have used time, talent and influence regarding the registration of negro voters. To the best of my knowledge there has not been a single complaint regarding the refusal of the registration office to register qualified Negroes. I believe that this is the first time in the history of this city that there have been no complaints in this regard. There are many other things that the Commission has done, and many other things that we wish to do, but we need the help of all fair-minded, honest, progressive men and women to help carry out our program.

Our program is very simple. We wish to create a better understanding between the races in our State. We wish to obtain better educational opportunities for the Negro youth of Louisiana, through an improved educational program for the entire State. We wish to give Negro youth a chance to develop its talent through greater opportunity and outlet. We hope to accomplish this through local committees affiliated with the State Commission. We already have members from Loyola, Tulane, Dillard and Xavier Universities. The Association of Commerce and the Bureau of Government Research, have given several members of high quality. Most of the Negro principals, and many of the leading Negro

citizens of New Orleans, are members. Almost all of the Episcopal priests of the State are members, as is Bishop Jackson of New Orleans. Five of the men in the Sociology Department of L.S.U., and several of the citizens of Baton Rouge, notably Dr. and Mrs. Huggins, are now members.

Dr. Barrow, wrote me a few days ago. He does not now wish to be affiliated with the Commission, because of some difficulty existing in the school system of his parish. I can readily understand how it might be a source of embarrassment to him if it were known that he is a member, while some difficulty exists which might place him in a position of apparent opposition to the principles of the Commission. I have not heard from Mr. Lewis yet, but he has been a member, and I am expecting a renewal of his membership.

Personally, I am most anxious to have you accept membership. You know the Negro as well as any white man in the South, and your knowledge of conditions in general, certainly would make you a most valuable member. I was hoping that you could get quite a number of persons to form a local race-relation committee in your city, and at the same time affiliate with the State Commission. I sincerely hope that you will be able to see your way clear to join us. We need you badly.

I may be in Baton Rouge some time in the near future, and if I do run up there, I certainly shall make it a point to see you. Hoping that you are well, and with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. C. D'Argonne

M. C. D'Argonne

Meeting of State Committee Heads

Southern Regional Council February 28, 1946, 10 A. M.

Arkansas - Dr. J. R. Ewbank

Alabama - D. R. Price

Florida - Mrs. Warren Zeuch and Mrs. Harry Havens

Georgia - Dr. Lester Rumble

Kentucky - J. M. Tydings and Dr. C. H. Parrish

Louisiana - Leo Favrot and M. C. D'Argonne

Mississippi - Dr. John Long

North Carolina - G.H. Ferguson

Oklahoma -

South Carolina - M. A. Wright

Tennessee -

Texas - Mrs. Cenoria Johnston

Virginia - Thomas C. Allen

MEETING OF STATE COMMITTEE HEADS
February 28, 1946

Meeting of representatives from each state interracial committee was held at the Southern Regional Council office February 28, 1946, Dr. Guy B. Johnson presiding.

Present: J. R. Ewbank - Arkansas
Mrs. Henry Havens - Florida
J. M. Tydings and C. H. Parrish - Kentucky
Leo Favrot and M. C. D'Argonne - Louisiana
John Long - Mississippi
G. H. Ferguson - North Carolina
M. A. Wright - South Carolina
Mrs. Cernoria Johnson - Texas
Thomas C. Allen - Virginia

Absent: D. R. Price - Alabama
Mrs. Warren Zeuch - Florida
Lester Rumble - Georgia

Staff members present: Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dr. Harold L. Trigg, and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

Dr. Johnson opened the meeting at 10 o'clock by introducing each person present and outlining the program for the day. He stated that there would be reports from each state representative during the morning and discussion concerning the organization of SRC state committees during the afternoon.

Louisiana

Dr. D'Argonne, who had requested that he be first on the program, made a report for the Louisiana Committee on Interracial Cooperation. He reported that the Committee during the last few months has sent out 840 letters to various people in the state, that he has made 364 personal contacts, and that a total of 585 contacts have been made by the central committee. He stated that they had not had very good returns, since so many people in Louisiana who are politically-minded. He said that there are now about 105 members in Louisiana.

He reported the following accomplishments of the Louisiana Committee on Interracial Cooperation: Negroes in Louisiana have been allowed to vote; a study has been made of the public schools in New Orleans, and as a result, buildings have been painted and other improvements made; movement is under way to get the Board of Education to see to it that the parish superintendents spend on Negro schools the money which has been allotted for that purpose; and efforts started to get the local board to make the Negro High School in New Orleans a technical school.

After Dr. D'Argonne's report, Dr. Johnson announced that the Council has decided to organize its members in Louisiana into a state division. Mr. Leo Favrot, who heads the committee for such organization, said that he felt this would be a solution to the problem in Louisiana--that many people who are not particularly interested in race problems would like to be connected with a Council which would consider other matters. As a branch of the Southern Regional Council, the Louisiana division would be interested in improvements of social and economic donditions for everybody in the South, whether white or colored.

Arkansas

Dr. Johnson told the group that there is no active state committee in Arkansas, but that there is an active committee in Little Rock. He stated that plans are being made to organize a state committee of SRC in Arkansas, and that he had asked Dr. J. R. Ewbank, of Philander C. Smith College, to represent Arkansas at this meeting.

Dr. Ewbank reported that through the efforts of the Little Rock Committee there has been introduced in the Legislature a bill providing for a Negro girl's industrial school, and it has been passed. Efforts are now under way to prevent the authorities from building the school near the boys' dormitories.

Mr. Favrot asked about the boys' home in Arkansas, which a few years ago was operating very well. Dr. Ewbank stated that when Carl Bailey became governor he dismissed the Negro superintendent and put in a white superintendent. He has brought in three or four white persons and has dismissed most of the Negro personnel.

Dr. Ewbank stated that the SRC members in Arkansas are convinced that with a little impetus a state chapter of SRC can be organized there, and that he does not think it will be difficult to raise money to employ a full-time person.

Dr. Johnson stated that the Council is now in the midst of a membership campaign in all states using The South is Yours, and asked the help of members, especially in making personal contacts. He said that it is expected that as many as 5,000 new members will be secured this year, and that the more members there are in the Arkansas area, the easier it will be to set up a state division.

Florida

Mrs. Henry Havens reported for the Florida Division of SRC. She stated that there had been an interracial commission in Florida for twenty years, that it was reorganized about the time SRC was chartered, and last fall they had unanimously agreed to become a state division of SRC. A meeting was held in January to elect officers and adopt by-laws. The first chairman is Mr. Edgar Ray, Managing Editor of the Tampa Times. Mr. Ray wants to have the first large meeting of the Florida Division at the time his new radio station is opened--sometime in April or May. He wants to have Mr. Paul Williams, President of SRC, there and to broadcast the program on the Florida network. The Florida Division has chosen for its first year's work only one project, a survey of Florida's educational system.

Mrs. Havens stated that it is easier to get the business man in Florida and the politician into the SRC than into an interracial committee.

Report was made by Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Havens concerning the Jacksonville Survey of the Negro Community, which is being supervised by SRC. This study is being made at the request of a Jacksonville bi-racial committee with some of the outstanding business and professional leaders on it. The study will cover education, health, medical care, transportation, law enforcement, civil rights, sanitation, etc. The Community Chest has appropriated $2,000 to finance the project and volunteers are helping with the interviewing. It has the cooperation of the state department of health, the state department of education, and public officials, and it is expected that when the study is complete the public officials will cooperate

in carrying out the recommendations.

Questions were asked Mrs. Havens concerning the number of colored people working on the Jacksonville survey. She said that about 75% of those working on the transportation phase of the study were Negroes, and most of the interviewers who go into the homes of the Negroes are colored. Dr. Spellman, Dr. Jones, and some of the students from Florida A. & M. are helping on the study. Dr. Trigg told the group that the survey in Jacksonville was started by two people who were not afraid--Mrs. Havens and Mr. Dick Daniel. He commended Mrs. Havens for the fine work she has done in Florida for many years.

Mr. Favrot told of a study made by students in Baton Rouge, each student studying one phase of community life. These were put in the State University Library and recently when a study was made of Baton Rouge, some of these papers proved helpful. He used this as an example of what can be done with volunteer student groups. It was stated that Dr. Newbold had also done some of this kind of work in North Carolina.

Georgia

In the absence of any representative from the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, Dr. Johnson told the group that Dr. R. L. Russell is giving his time for a very low remuneration in building up the Georgia Committee. The dues have been increased to $3.00 a year. The Committee is not a state division of SRC, but has an affiliation agreement with SRC. The Committee has many more members than SRC has in Georgia. Dr. Johnson stated that we are not concerned about the Georgia Committee becoming a state division--the main thing is that we cooperate with them. One of the projects now being worked on by the Georgia Committee is the securing of Negro Police. Georgia has no Negro police in any of its cities, although many of the cities in other Southern states do have them.

Concerning the white primary in Georgia, Dr. Johnson told the group that a case in Federal Court in Macon was decided in favor of the Negro plaintiff saying he should have the right to vote in the Georgia primaries. This has made some difference already in Georgia, as many Negroes participated in the election in Athens last fall. In a recent special election to choose a successor to Congressman Ramspeck who had resigned his seat there were well over 1,000 Negroes who voted in Atlanta. The Macon case is under appeal now in New Orleans Fifth Circuit Court.

Kentucky

Dr. C. H. Parrish, member of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Interracial Committee, stated he had been working with the interracial committee in Kentucky for many years, and was interested in its work. He asked Mr. Tydings, Chairman of the Kentucky Commission on Negro Affairs and Acting Chairman of the Kentucky Committee on Interracial Cooperation, to make the report for Kentucky.

Mr. Tydings told how a group had gone to the Governor of Kentucky when he was first elected and as a friendly gesture, had offered to help in solving some of the problems in regard to the Negroes in Kentucky. The Governor appointed a Commission on Negro Affairs with Mr. Tydings as chairman. It is composed of 12 members, 6 white and 6 colored, and is divided into five committees: (1) education, (2) health, (3) civil affairs, (4) economic affairs, (5) housing and welfare.

In November, 1945, a report of this Committee was put into the hands of the Governor. The report has been given wide publicity, the Louisville Courier-Journal carrying a full page. The Governor sent a copy of the report to all the Southern Governors, and articles appeared in papers in other states.

The Kentucky Interracial Council has recently been reorganized and Mr. Tydings stated he felt that this is the organization to carry out the recommendations of the Commission since the Governor's Commission was merely a fact-finding body. The Council has developed community interest all over the state, and 30 community councils have been organized. There is a Committee on Resolutions which has met with the writer of statutes for the state of Kentucky. Eleven bills were prepared which are now before the Kentucky legislature. All of these bills have been introduced by Mr. Anderson (Negro member of the legislature) except two on appropriations.

The bills are as follows:

1. House Bill 227, establishing a permanent Commission on Negro Affairs, $7,500 for research work.

2. An Act prohibiting discrimination because of race or creed in the employment of persons or in state contracts.

3. An Act prohibiting Jim Crow laws on the railroads in Kentucky.

4. An Act modifying the Day law, which would increase from $175,000 to $350,000 the amount for out of state aid for students.

5. An Act requiring that the State Board of Education accredit schools as county systems rather than accrediting separate schools in the system.

6. An Act prohibiting discrimination in the amount of teachers' salaries because of teaching levels, sex or race, quality of work to be interpreted to mean quantity of school work.

7. An Act enabling the State Department of Education to employ qualified Negro educator as Assistant Superintendent of Schools to be supervisor of Negro Education. This, he stated, is already in the budget.

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9. An Act enabling Kentucky State College to secure funds from the Department of Agriculture for education and experimentation. To date, this college has been getting all its funds as a land grant college.

10. An Act asking mercantile establishments to render like service to patrons regardless of race.

11. An Act enabling Negro doctors to practice in tax supported hospitals.

Appropriations asked are as follows: $300,000 for capitol improvements for Kentucky State College; salary for supervisor for Negro schools; $60,000 for White Kentucky Vocational School; appropriation of $225,000 for Red

Cross Hospital, which is the only possibility of training Negro nurses in Kentucky; appropriation for a state children's home for Negro children.

Mr. Tydings told about the interracial clinic held in Louisville in February. On the planning committee were management and labor, all faiths and races, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. working together for a better Louisville. Through this work, he said, they will begin their membership for SRC.

Referring to bill number 6 above, Mr. Favrot stated he would question the philosophy of substituting "quantity" for "quality" of teaching service. He cited a case in Louisiana where a man who had been dismissed for inefficiency is now suing the state. Mr. Tydings stated that this term was used "for the purpose of this law only--quality of personnel will be quantity of service as a teacher".

The Kentucky Interracial Council dues, he said, are $3.00 per year.

Mississippi

Mr. Long reported that Mississippi has had an active interracial Council for a number of years and now has around 40 paid members. It is limited in its membership--a member can get in only on the recommendation of some other member of the group. The Mississippi Council has worked toward improvement of salaries for teachers, lengthening the school term, and improvement of other conditions in the schools. Much of this work, Mr. Long said, has been done by working quietly.

At a meeting of the Mississippi Council in February it was decided that it would become a division of SRC. There was some opposition by those who were not familiar with the work of SRC. There will be a meeting the 21st of March at which time the division will be organized. We have the problem of finding a good chairman. It is hoped that Mr. F. C. Willcoxon who has been chairman for about four years will continue. Dr. Johnson stated that Mr. Carter, Editor of the Greenville Democrat, had been suggested as chairman.

North Carolina

Dr. Johnson stated that Mr. Arnold, who is head of the North Carolina Council of Churches, has also served as director of the N. C. Interracial Commission until recently when he resigned. Bishop Edwin Penick, who had served as Chairman of the N. C. Interracial Committee, has also resigned. Mr. Ferguson reported for North Carolina.

Mr. Ferguson told the group that he works with Dr. N. C. Newbold who is head of the Department of Negro Education in North Carolina, that Dr. Newbold had been unable to come to Atlanta and had asked him to come. Mr. Ferguson stated that in the Department of Negro Education there are four field staff members, two white and two Negro, and it is hard to tell when they are working in the educational field or in interracial activities.

North Carolina at one time had an arrangement with Virginia whereby one man gave half time to the interracial committee for each state. This plan was succeeded by the agreement with the Council of Churches, of which Mr. Arnold was head. Mr. Ferguson stated that Dr. Newbold has carried on a good deal of work in connection with Duke and the University of North Carolina in arranging programs through what is called associate units, both white and Negro. That has stimulated a good deal of interracial work among young people, and it is hoped will be projected downward to the larger high schools.

The Department of Public Instruction and the Commission have worked together on projects--have worked toward a uniform salary schedule for both white and Negro teachers based on the type of certificate and years of experience. A merit system is now in process of being developed, and the Governor has appointed a commission to study the merit system, so that there will be no discrimination according to race, creed or sex.

North Carolina has around 1,000 members, anyone may become a member, and there are no dues. In answer to a question as to how the North Carolina Commission is financed, he stated that the banks had been liberal to them, and schools take collections. The Commission has been raising about $2,000 a year.

South Carolina

Mr. M. A. Wright, Chairman, reported for the South Carolina Committee of SRC. He stated that changing the name to S. C. Division of SRC had proved beneficial to the S. C. Committee. He said that Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Havens have attended two Executive Committee meetings, and Dr. Mitchell will attend the annual meeting on March 28. At that time they plan to adopt a new constitution which will be somewhat like the constitution of the SRC. He said that he agreed with Mr. Favrot's suggestion that there are quite a number of people who are interested in primarily in general social and economic conditions and secondarily in race relations.

He stated that they could hardly point to definite accomplishments during the last year, but said that the South Carolina Committee had sponsored two pieces of legislation which are now in the status of bills in the South Carolina General Assembly:

1. A bill creating a reformatory for Negro girls

2. A bill transferring the reformatories from the control of the State Penal Board, and putting them under the Department of Education.

He stated that they had been confronted by a situation in South Carolina, a violation of the right of Negroes to register. The S. C. Committee adopted a resolution calling upon the members of the group to make their services available to Negro citizens who were qualified to vote, by going with them to the books of registration and observing what took place, so that in the event he was denied the right to register he had a white person who had observed what had taken place.

In Marion County, South Carolina, 267 intelligent qualified Negroes presented themselves for registration and were refused. The S. C. Committee held a meeting, at which a resolution was passed requesting the board of registration to abandon the policy of refusing registration to anyone solely because of race. Later 60 Negroes registered and were admitted.

Mr. Wright stated that members of the S. C. Committee called on Governor Williams and asked that he appoint a commission similar to the Kentucky commission, which was refused. If he had acted upon this request a year ago, Mr. Wright said, the S. C. Commission would have been able to present a report at the same time of the Kentucky Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock for lunch.

Texas

Mrs. Cernoria Johnson, of the Fort Worth Urban League, reported for the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation. She said her first pleasant experience with the Commission was a meeting last year which Dr. Johnson attended. The Texas Commission, she stated, has been intensely interested in getting a state school for delinquent Negro girls. The appropriation was secured, and the Commission is pushing it to see that the money is spent for that purpose. The Commission has also been pushing the visiting teacher idea. They had one in the white schools at Ft. Worth, but none in the Negro schools. The Commission brought it to the attention of the school board and they hired one Negro teacher, but placed her in a class room. About 30 days ago she was appointed visiting teacher. During brotherhood week the Commission acted as a clearing house for speakers in the various churches, and on March 10 a mass meeting is to be held on brotherhood.

In Texas there is a peculiar situation in that there is the Mexican population, and the Commission wants to do more work in that direction. The Commission, she said, has been in a state of change and they hope to have soon a state set-up with at least a part-time person. The motivating power toward better race relations in Texas, she said, is Dr. Porterfield, at Texas Christian. She said there is a need for some leadership among the Negroes in Texas, and that in Ft. Worth there is better response from the whites than from the Negroes.

Question was asked Mrs. Johnson concerning the number of Negroes in Fort Worth, and she stated that there are some 30,000, or 12% of the total population, according to the 1940 census. Mr. D'Argonne asked if the Fort Worth local committee has done much work with the Mexicans. Mrs. Johnson stated that there are a few people who work with the Mexicans on the Interracial Commission, but no Mexicans. She stated that the Negroes and whites understand each other better than the Mexicans and whites or the Mexicans and Negroes. It was stated that there is a group of mixed Negro and Indian blood in North Carolina--the Croatans in Robertson County--which are in the same category as the Mexicans in Texas.

The use of funds from the local community funds had been mentioned by Mrs. Havens in Florida and Mr. Allen in Virginia. Mrs. Johnson stated she felt that this would be a handicap to a group working in race relations in Texas.

The Texas Interracial Commission, along with 30 Negro organizations, was responsible for initiating the plan of propagandizing the Negro community into buying more poll taxes. A temporary citizens committee was appointed to work with the Young Negro Democrats and the Interracial Commission. They sponsored a campaign which went into the churches, the ministers preached about citizenship and poll taxes were sold right in the churches. In one church $517 was collected in one day. The forms for the poll tax were secured from the beer companies and they were witnessed by notary publics in the Negro banks. The Commission plans to have a series of citizenship classes, at which they will teach the use of the ballot, etc. In answer to question as to how the poll tax is spent, Mrs. Johnson stated that $1.00 of it goes to the schools.

Virginia

Mr. Allen reported for Virginia. Most of Mr. Allen's comments are embodied in the attached annual report of the Department of Interracial Cooperation for the year 1945. He explained the organization of the Council of Churches. It has seven departments, four of which, Mr. Allen stated, are in the general

area in which SRC is working: (1) The Department on Interracial Cooperation, (2) Department on Social Education and Action, (3) United Christian Youth Council, (4) Department of Christian Education. They are supported by allocations from denominational units, and from individual members of the departments. The Community Funds of Petersburg and Richmond are supporting local departments on interracial cooperation.

Mr. Allen said that plans are being made for fellowship of worship services in Richmond on Sunday afternoons-- meetings to be held at white churches with Negro speakers, and at Negro churches with white speakers. He also told of a thirty-minute radio program which the Department on Interracial Cooperation had sponsored on WRVA. He also reported that Negro police are now employed in one Virginia city.

Mr. Allen said that the Department of Interracial Cooperation has a cooperative relationship with SRC, and that he would like to discuss closer cooperation with SRC.

The report from Virginia concluded the reports from the states, and the remainder of the time was spent in discussion.

Discussion

Dr. Johnson outlined the By-laws adopted by the Florida Division of SRC. (See copy attached.) He explained that $1.00 of the dues of each SRC member in Florida is sent back to the state, as are any contributions ear-marked for use in that state. He told the group that to those states with small memberships there is an advantage in being a division of SRC, for those states having 2,000 to 3,000 members, it would be a disadvantage.

Mr. Wright suggested that SRC have in its By-laws a provision stating that upon receipt of the annual dues from a member in a state division of SRC, that it shall remit $1.00 to the state division, and shall refund to the state division such funds as are ear-marked for work in that particular state. Dr. Johnson stated that the staff had been authorized by the Board of Directors to work out such agreements as will be mutually satisfactory.

Some of the states, Dr. Johnson said, have been wondering if they could get financial help from SRC. The SRC has helped some of the state committees with one or two special projects--it granted the Kentucky Council $300 for a special purpose last year, and a similar amount was offered to Texas, $100 was given for a special printing job in Mississippi, and SRC is reprinting a special talk Mr. Wright made in South Carolina. The SRC's budget does not permit it to do what the Interracial Commission used to do--match 50 cents on the dollar for everything raised in the states.

Dr. Johnson explained that the SRC is chartered as an eleemosynary institution, exempt from corporation taxes, and there is danger of having the charter revoked if the SRC participates in political action. There was some discussion concerning the Kentucky Council becoming a state division of the SRC. Question was raised--if Kentucky becomes a state division and has a direct hand in legislative efforts, would it be in violation of the SRC Charter? Mr. Wright suggested that Dr. Johnson get Mr. Leonard Haas, SRC counsellor, to give a formal written opinion on this.

Mr. Tydings said that he felt that in view of this discussion it will be

better probably for the Kentucky Council to be affiliated and work in cooperation with SRC rather than as a state division.

There was some discussion re the great number of groups which are working in the area of race relations and the necessity of their working together or having a real understanding of each other's programs. Mrs. Johnson said she felt that even though there are many organizations working along the same line with different techniques and methods, they are working toward the same goal.

Dr. Johnson offered the services of the Veterans Service Department of SRC to the state groups. He stated that Dr. Mitchell, the Director of Veterans Services, has five field men, 4 Negro and one white, investigating the veterans services. At present they are working in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana and plan to go on to the other states. He asked that representatives from each state write to SRC if they find that things are not going right with regard to Negro veterans.

He stated that Dr. Harold L. Trigg, the Associate Director, who is a fine speaker, will be available from time to time for talks. He also told the group about new Council literature--the use of the packet, and the special March issue of New South, which is to be based on Rupert Vance's book, All These People.

The following meetings of state committees were announced:

March 21 - Meeting of the Mississippi Division of SRC.
March 28 - Meeting of the South Carolina Committee of SRC.
April 23, 24, 25 - Meeting of the Virginia Council of Churches - all departments.
April - Texas Commission will meet jointly with the Southwestern Sociological Society sometime in April.
April - Kentucky Commission will have a meeting in April for reorganization.
April or May - Meeting of the Florida Committee of SRC in Tampa. Time of meeting depends upon the opening of radio station.
April or May - North Carolina Committee will meet as soon as a man is employed as director.

Meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

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Meeting of State Conv. Heads

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Texas Interracial Commission

FROM: Cernoria D. Johnson, Delegate
Southern Regional Council

Before I share with you the happenings of this conference, first, I should like to express my appreciation for having had the privilege of serving as your representative from the state of Texas. Definitely, the conference gave me more in terms of inspiration and information than I was able to contribute. There were many interesting angles of the state program that will perhaps be helpful to us here in the state of Texas as we begin to plan for our program on a state-wide basis. Hence, I wish to share with you excerpts from the reports made by each state.

LOUISIANA (Dr. D'Argonne, Mr. Favrot)

Louisiana reports difficulties in getting cooperation, especially from certain prominent persons. They gave several reasons -- first, disinterest; second, fear of losing prestige; third, thinks too much is being done now; fourth, fear of court action on part of cases to enter Louisiana University; fifth, a feeling that the Negro should be satisfied with his present status; sixth, some feel that the Negro does not know what he wants. Outstanding feature is that people who were once interested, officially and unofficially, in race relations are no longer active or interested. At this point, Dr. Guy B. Johnson advised that the Louisiana Council plansto initiate its own membership drive instead of participating as a commission. Mr. Favrot stated that, inasmuch as the feeling prevailed that the United States has already done too much for the Negro, the branches of the Southern Regional Council might include other activities other than race relations. Among some of the issues that might be considered by the Council, he suggested, the problem of improving economic conditions among all peoples, regardless of race, creed, or color.

ARKANSAS (Dr. Eubanks)

This state has no state committee but a local commission which is located in Little Rock. Dr. Eubanks reports that the program of the Commission is very weak; however, they have introduced legislation for a State School for Negro boys and girls. He feels that it will be easier to obtain members for the Southern Regional Council rather than for the Interracial Commission. Throughout the conference there were expressions against the "use of the name - Interracial Commission" because of its race relations connotation. Many felt that this hampered the program.

FLORIDA (Mrs. Havens)

The Florida organization is approximately twenty years old. In fact, it has merged into a State Division of the Southern Regional Council. Its executive committee met in January to elect officers and accepted a provisional constitution and by-laws. Again, this Commission reported that, since they have changed to a State Division of the SRC, it is easier to sell their program than when it was called an Interracial Commission. This Commission plans to pick one project for a year, and from this point will move to other projects. For instance, they plan to concentrate on improving Florida's educational system without regard to the racial aspect. When once this job is completed, they will work with other social welfare and health projects. This Commission has also conducted a survey. It was financed by the Community Chest of Jacksonville, Florida. The Commission emphasized the fact that the study would only be made, if something would be done about it after it was completed.

GEORGIA

The representative for Georgia was absent, but Dr. Johnson commented on the work of the Council. He reported that among the other problems of the Council is included the job of trying to employ Negro police.

KENTUCKY (Mr. Parrish, Mr. Tydings)

Mr. Tydings has been in the movement for only a short time but has started many significant programs. In the very beginning, an approach was made by this Commission to the governor of the state, requesting that a Commission on Negro Affairs be appointed by the governor. The suggestion was made that there be six white and six colored members on this Commission. Finally, this group was successful, because the governor was approached on the basis of this slogan -- "We all want a finer and better Louisville, Kentucky". A fine response was received from the press, etc. The Kentucky Interracial Commission had a meeting to consider what should be done about some of the problems which were pointed up in a survey made by this Commission on Negro Affairs. Among other things, significant legislation has been introduced which included 11 Bills, 6 of which were regarding money. Among these Bills or Acts were: (1) a Bill or Act prohibiting discrimination on public works (State clearing for FEPC) (2) equalization of salaries and amount of pay on these jobs (3) Double out-of-state fees to graduate students (4) Acts requiring mercantile places to serve Negroes on equal basis (5) Acts requiring that Negro nurses, doctors, etc. be allowed to serve in hospitals (including veterans) where Negroes are served (6) Bills recommending that Kentucky Children's Home for whites include facilities for Negro children; this would require additional building for Negroes (7) also, a Bill requesting an appropriation for a permanent Commission on Negro Affairs (~~$75.00~~). These and other Bills were introduced by Charles W. Anderson, Negro representative in the House of Representatives for the state of Kentucky. This Commission has raised its membership dues to $3.00 and has about 100 councils organized in the state. The name has been changed from Interracial Commission to "Community Clinic". $7500.00

MISSISSIPPI (Dr. J. Long)

The state of Mississippi has not carried on a very active program; however, they have been quietly engaged in a legislative program. Many prominent persons, however, have finally come into the State Council of SRC. The present chairman is a Mr. Willcoxson.

NORTH CAROLINA (Mr. Ferguson, State Department of Education)

This Council has over 1,000 members. They are hoping to merge Duke University, North Carolina College at Durham, University of North Carolina, and the State Department of Education for the purpose of cooperating with SRC. At present, neither of these work separately, but approach the various problems together. Even the church sources in these communities are alive. Their programs are ~~felt~~ built, though, more on the basis of human relations rather than race relations; yet, much of their work is still done on the basis of Negro and white.

SOUTH CAROLINA (Mr. Wright)

The South Carolina Committee of the Southern Regional Council was the first to affiliate with SRC. Their annual meeting was held , at which time they adopted a constitution which compares with that of the SRC. Among the many activities in which this Council has been engaged are included the initiation of legislation for a school for Negro girls and another, to separate the reformatory from the State Penal Board and instead transfer it to the State Department of Education. They have also been actively engaged in helping Negroes to exercise their voting privileges. White members have accompanied the Negro registrants to the polls, in order to try to break through this discriminatory program. In a former election officials refused to register 267 Negroes in Marion County. It is significant to note that in this community politicians have almost without exception ridden into power on the issue of race prejudice. This Council has attempted to get Governor Williams to appoint a Bi-Racial Commission. Thus far, they have had little success, even though they have cited the example used by the state of Kentucky.

VIRGINIA (Mr. Thomas Allen)

This Commission is closely allied to a church movement. Consequently, the approach has been one of religious activities. They have been successful in hiring Negro policemen in one of the cities of that state.

TEXAS (Mrs. Cornoria D. Johnson)

Among the many programs engaged in by the various commissions in Texas, it was cited that this report was made, largely, on the basis of the program engaged in in Fort Worth. Much activity has been carried on in the interest of legislation for a State School for Delinquent Negro Girls. The Interracial Commission also exerted its influence for the employment of a Negro visiting teacher. The lack of attendance in the public schools in Fort Worth and in the state of Texas is alarming, and the Commission has expressed its interest in this problem in many ways. One of the outstanding programs of the Commission has been the activities engaged in during Brotherhood Week. There was an exchange of speakers - white and colored - in the various churches of the city. Also, the Week was begun by a mass meeting which was jointly sponsored by the NAACP and the Fort Worth Interracial Commission. This report also brought out the fact that there was a need for broadening the approach of the Council to cover more than the white and Negro relationship. Inasmuch as the state of Texas' population includes a large number of persons of Spanish-American descent, they and their problems should be included in the total state program of the Council. The plea of the Texas State Commission for a part-time person to organize councils in the state of Texas was made at this meeting. Dr. Guy B. Johnson stated that some assistance for this type of program was under consideration at the present. This delegate also extended an invitation to Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg to come to Texas during the Southwestern Sociological Society meeting.

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In the afternoon the session turned to a discussion on "what is necessary to become a member of the SRC". Dr. Guy B. Johnson presided and gave the following requirements:

(1) The by-laws and constitution of the State Council should be in harmony with the by-laws and constitution of the SRC.

(2) A portion of the dues from the State Council should be paid to the Southern Regional Council.

He cited, for instance, that at the present time the financial support being received from the South itself is less than 10% of the budget of SRC. The support is largely derived at present from the General Education Board and the Rosenwald Fund. Among other issues discussed at the conference, Dr. Johnson pointed out that Dr. George S. Mitchell had recently been appointed to the staff to work with veteran problems and that his services were available upon the request of any council or organization, especially the problems concerning on-the-job training, and other services to veterans are to be considered; information concerning this may be received from the Southern Regional Council office in Atlanta. Dr. Johnson also introduced Dr. H. L. Trigg who is the newly-appointed Associate Executive Director on the Southern Regional Council staff. His services are available. It was also pointed out that Dr. Trigg came to the agency with a fine background of experience in the field of education. He is an able speaker and community organizer. The representatives were invited to make use of the resource material, such as, by-laws, constitution, etc., which can be made available in the Southern Regional office.

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Again, accept my expression of appreciation for the privilege of having represented you at this conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS
ON PROGRAM OF WORK FOR
THE YEAR 1946

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Recommendations of the Commission on Activities
to the Virginia Council of Churches
on Program of Work for
the Year 1946.

The Commission on Activities presents to the Virginia Council of Churches the following outline of proposed work through its various departments for the year of 1946 for the Council's study and approval.

PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMITY AND MISSIONS FOR 1946.

The Department has held two special meetings at which the preliminary work was done looking toward a church survey during 1946.

The proposed survey is to be conducted along the following lines:

1) To enter into an agreement with the Committee for Co-operative Field Research under the direction of Dr. H. Paul Douglas to survey the State as a whole.
2) To include as a part of this survey by the Committee for Co-operative Field Research separate sampling studies of a more intensive nature at least seven counties, eight towns, and six cities.

This survey, the Department feels, is basic to almost all of the projected activities of the Virginia Council of Churches, and urgently feels that it should be undertaken during the year 1946.

PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR 1946.

Supplementing the program which has previously been endorsed by the Council, the Department of Christian Education respectfully requests approval and endorsement of the following:

1) The Promotion of a state-wide effort to increase Sunday School enrollment and attendance. The carrying forward of this effort contemplates cooperation with local Councils of Churches and local Ministerial Associations and joint planning for the use and guidance of speakers, the use of the press, posters and radio and other methods of publicity in a concerted effort to present to all citizens the values of the Sunday School. A general outline of procedure is attached. It is proposed that a small committee shall give further consideration to this plan and bring a revised statement of plans and procedures to the Annual Meeting of the Council.
2) The holding of a series of institutes for the training of workers for vacation church schools. The Department requests that the Council of Churches approve of such effort and requests also that

the Council invite the cooperation and participation of all denominations in this effort, it being understood that specific plans will be developed and administered under direction of the Committee on Childrens Work.

3) The Department recommends that the Council continue to extend close cooperation and guidance to the United Christian Youth Council of Virginia including the service of staff members and all other types of assistance as will aid in the development of cooperative Youth work in Virginia.

4) The development under the direction of the Committee on Adult Work of activities as follows:
   a. Hold an inter-denominational Leadership Training School for Adults.
   b. Cooperate with the Virginia Council of Church Women in providing general information and literature for the chairman of each local society of church women in connection with the May luncheons, to the end that the holding of these luncheons may lead to the organization of many local Councils of Church Women.
   c. To inaugurate an inter-denominational program for young adults. The Committee on Adult Work proposed to launch this program through the organization of reading courses and discussion groups in selected local communities.

5) In the interest of the developing program of Weekday Religious Education, the Department requests the Council to approve and endorse a plan for the certification of teachers. The proposed plan is attached to this report. The Department also requests the Council to grant an item in the budget of a minimum of $2000 for the employment of a new staff member, with the probable title "Assistant Supervisor of Weekday Religious Education".

PROGRAM OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL FOR 1946.

The United Christian Youth Council of Virginia will continue its present relationship with the Virginia Council of Churches during 1946. Also it will endeavor to strengthen its relationship with the United Christian Youth Movement and other cooperative agencies.

As a major project the Youth Council has set a goal of $3,000 (to be raised by the youth groups) which is to aid in supporting religious education directors in the Bon Air Industrial School for Girls and The Peaks Industrial School for Negro girls. Having had this same project last year on a smaller scale, the young people are encouraged and are glad to accept such a challenge.

We join other Youth Councils of America in promoting Youth Week--a week of special emphasis whereby the Young People have splendid opportunity to put into practice the things which Christian Education has taught them. It is promoted on a National scale by the United Christian Youth Movement.

During 1946 the U.C.Y.C. will endeavor to carry on the general program in a more successful way than it did last year. A number of items of a general nature might well be included in this report:

1. The Youth Council will assist in organizing County and City Youth Councils.
2. It will send delegates to many summer conferences and interdenominational youth meetings.
3. Representatives will be sent to Executive Meetings of the United Christian Youth Movement and to planning conferences of the movement.
4. A number of Executive Committee meetings will be held to give opportunity to check on our progress and to make necessary plans for carrying out our program.
5. We welcome every opportunity to participate in cooperative work of such a nature as would interest a Youth Council.
6. The Youth Council is the channel through which the Council of Churches promotes its youth program and it is our desire to carry out the suggestions of the Council of Churches in a very efficient way.

PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION FOR 1946.

The following departmental program of activities for 1946 is recommended to the Commission on Activities and to the Virginia Council of Churches for its consideration and approval:

1. That the following statement of social ideals be recommended for adoption by general and local church bodies; and that it be approved as the official statement of social ideals of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Virginia Council of Churches:

   "We believe that God is Father of all peoples and races, that we and all men are brothers, that man is of infinite worth as a child of God, and that personality is the highest value. We test all institutions and practices by their effect upon personality. While here on earth Jesus taught and practiced this standard of values, which we must accept as our standard if we are to follow Him.

   "Believing, as we do, that there is urgent need for the application of these general principles to the specific issues of our day, we declare the following as articles of our social ideals:

   "a) We stand for the protection of both the individual and the family by the single standard of purity; for education for marriage, parenthood, and home building; for proper housing; for proper regulation of marriage; and for uniform divorce laws.

"b) We stand for whatever regulation may be required to protect men, women, and children from occupational diseases, unsanitary conditions, excessive hours, unfair wages, and other conditions under which they work that threaten to deprive them of a fair opportunity for the full development of their personalities.

"c) We believe that the present stage of our industrial development makes economically possible and ethically desirable the wider distribution of food, clothing, homes, and those recreational, cultural, and spiritual advantages that we associate with a decent standard of living; and that an inequitable distribution of these advantages amounts to a repudiation of Jesus' emphasis upon the supreme worth of personality.

"d) We believe that widespread unemployment is economically wasteful, socially disrupting, personally humiliating, and spiritually harmful; that it results, in large measure, from conditions over which the individual has only slight control and that are social in character, and that therefore society is under obligation to provide, from its resources and by careful planning, a reasonable measure of protection to those whose personalities are harmfully affected by involuntary idleness.

"e) We stand for the right of employers and employees alike to organize for collective bargaining and social action; for the protection of both in the exercise of this right; and for the obligation of both to consider the public and individual welfare as well as their group welfare in the exercise of this right.

"f) We believe that intemperance, juvenile and adult delinquency, broken homes, and many other forms of unsocial, anti-social, and unChristian conduct are often, in part at least, the result of unwholesome social influences, and that the professing Christian living in a democracy has an inescapable responsibility to concern himself with the tone of the community life, and to exert an influence, informally as a resident of the community and formally as a citizen with a voice in the determining of community standards, in keeping with his convictions.

"g) We believe that the time has come when science has made possible to man the literal destruction of his own civilization unless he has the spiritual insight and the moral courage to protect himself from the destructive use of these awful forces and to harness them instead for constructive ends. We believe that under these conditions a failure to put to full use international machinery set up by the United Nations would amount to nothing less than insanity. The awfulness of the choice, the urgency of the issue, and the consequences to human personality make it incumbent upon every professing Christian to accept his responsibility for the choices that are made.

"h) We recommend that this statement be read to our several congregations at least once a year or placed in their hands in printed form. We further recommend that in every local church there be set up a committee to stimulate the study and discussion of these social ideals, and to seek in every possible way to apply its principles".

2. That there be prepared for the press a statement drawing public attention to current social questions that are likely to come before the General Assembly, the Congress, or the United Nations Organization, in the consideration of which opportunity is offered for the implementation of the principles set forth in proposed statement of social ideals -- such questions as the extension of medical care, the improvement of industrial relations, the promotion of international goodwill, better race relations, delinquency, the improvement of the social environment, home and family life, and the implications of the discovery of new sources of giant power.

3. That the Department continue its cooperation with the State-wide committee on Medical Care.

4. That a Church Conference on Social Work be held during the coming spring, to continue the conferences heretofore held by the Church Conference on Social Work, now merged with the Virginia Council of Churches through the Department of Social Education and Action.

5. That the Department be authorized to prepare from time to time statements on international peace, on industrial relations, and on atomic energy, as these fields receive special attention and present suitable opportunities for the application of our social ideals during the coming year.

PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM AND WORSHIP FOR 1946.

1) That the Virginia Council of Churches through its committees on Evangelism and Worship, sponsor One-Day Missions on Evangelism to be held in the smaller centers.

2) That the Department of Evangelism and Worship continue its aid in giving information to church groups in reference to Church Architecture and to hold such general meetings on this subject as need may arise.

3) That the Department sponsor several pre-Lenten Ministers' Retreats throughout the State.

4) That the Department sponsor Evangelistic meetings in small communities, such meetings to run for a week or longer and to be under the auspices and sponsorship of the local Council of Churches.

PROGRAM OF THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN FOR 1946.

Our chief work this organizational year will be to form contacts with the many local groups over the State who have not yet signified that they will become a part of our State organization. This will demand a certain amount of field work and cultivation, but we feel that when these local groups understand the purpose of our organization, they will unite with us.

Our Council this first year will be challenged to help answer the call for relief in Europe. One of the great needs which the women of Virginia are being asked to help meet, is diapers for babies. Virginia's share is 120,000 diapers; that is, 10,000 dozen or in terms of people, 10,000 women to give one dozen diapers each. There are many women in Virginia who have supplies of diapers in their attics,many of these will respond and share these unused diapers with the Mothers of Europe who are using newspapers for their babies. We believe that this need will appeal to the hearts of American Mothers. There was begun on Wednesday, January 2, a series of broadcasts of this appeal through the interest and the courtesy of Polly Dafron of W.R.N.L. in Richmond. Miss Dafron is State President of the woman's division of the National Association of Broadcasters and has eagerly responded in helping to make this appeal.

During the year 1946, three (3) special days will be promoted; The World Day of Prayer in February; The May Fellowship in May, and World Community Day in November. These are the three days observed by the interdenominational church groups over the United States and we will take our part in their promotion.

PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERRACIAL COOPERATION FOR 1946.

1) Director to visit personally each local committee on interracial cooperation.
2) The establishment of at least five (5) new local committees on interracial cooperation.
3) A concerted effort to enlist 2000 individual members through local units and the Department.
4) An effort to make contact with all organized student groups on college campuses and bring them into active participation in the field of race relations.
5) A wider observance of Race Relations Sunday during the month of February.
6) Cooperate with other departments in holding at least five one-day regional conferences in an effort to acquaint the people of the State with the full program of the Council of Churches.

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

The Department sponsors these objectives and seeks to work with and through local groups in accomplishing them.

1) Equal justice and fair play in connection with law enforcement and civil rights. In this connection we recommend:

a) Development of public opinion to support appointment of Negro policemen and renewed efforts to persuade officials in cities and towns to take the lead in making such appointments.
b) Efforts by interviews and institutes to encourage and train city and state officers and public officials in fair and tactful dealing with members of Negro and white races.
c) A committee on justice and fair play in each community to deal with any instance of apparent injustice. This committee to investigate each case and undertake to present the facts before officials and, if necessary, the public.

2) Constant work to improve the quality of education provided for Negro children as well as whites. There are some problems peculiar to each community and each local committee should decide on projects to be emphasized. Three specific projects may be mentioned as examples:

a) Provision of adequate funds for necessary school buildings for Negro pupils.
b) In some communities, equitable distribution of funds in local education units.
c) Equalization of salaries under comparable working conditions and for comparable teaching loads.

3) Promotion of improved housing for Negroes and whites. Specific projects should include:

a) Encouragement and guidance for new housing projects, private and public. This includes arousing and developing public opinion.
b) Provision for adequate area for Negro houses in each community.

4) Support of State and local public health programme which will improve health of Negroes as well as whites. This includes:

a) Support of an all Negro staff for Piedmont.
b) Provision of adequate opportunity for Negro doctors to practice in local hospitals.
c) Education on subject of health condition and needs.

5) Improvement of employment opportunities for Negroes. This can be done especially by breaking down prejudice. A specific project is provision for on-the-job training for Negroes as well as whites in each community.

6) General effort to develop intercultural understanding through the arrangement for interracial speeches and round tables in programmes of civic and church clubs and organizations, through promotion of forums, through press and radio. Allied with this is a wider observance of Race Relations Sunday in February.

PROGRAM OF THE RURAL CHURCH DEPARTMENT FOR 1946.

The following is the program of work as outlined by the executive committee of the Rural Church Department for 1946:

1. Promote the Rural Ministers' Summer School to be held at V.P.I. July 8-12, 1946.

2. Lend support to county ministerial associations and county councils of churches.

3. Actively promote the observance of Rural Life Sunday and the holding of Harvest Home Festivals throughout the State.

4. Make awards to Ministers presenting best sermons relating to rural life. Accumulate such sermons for publication.

5. Prepare a pamphlet on "The Relation of the Rural Church to Public Agencies Dealing with Farm Families".

6. Hold four or more one day interdenominational Rural Life Institutes.

7. Encourage active rural church committees in each denomination with representation on the executive committee of the Rural Church Department of the Council.

Special committees of the Rural Church Department have already been appointed to carry through on each of these projects during 1946.

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The Commission on Activities respectfully submits this program of work for 1946 for discussion and approval.

R. B. MONTGOMERY,
Chairman.

State Committee Conf. of Directors, 1947

PROCEEDINGS

CONFERENCE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

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Atlanta, Georgia
June 17-18, 1947

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June 17-18, 1947

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Conference of State Representatives

June 17-18, 1947

Delegates were welcomed by Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, at the opening of the conference on Tuesday morning June 17, in the offices of the Council, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Edgar Ray, upon request of Dr. Mitchell, acted as chairman, and called upon Mr. Ewbank to open the meeting with prayer.

The roll call showed those persons present whose names and addresses appear on the attached list. As requested by many of those attending, full names and addresses are given.

Local and State Groups.

Pointing out that he had no desire to see a rigidly uniform set-up of the various groups working with the Council throughout the South, Dr. Mitchell stated that, the work could be pushed with less difficulty and confusion if the various groups could adopt a more regular working relationship with Council headquarters. Response to calls for help from these groups, he stated, are all that could be asked for but he felt that a more closely-knit connection between headquarters and the groups within the states would result in the same type of progressive expansion which has been experienced by those states which have become formal Divisions or Affiliates of the Council.

As examples, he pointed to Florida and South Carolina, which have felt considerably strengthened since becoming State Divisions of SRC. A part-time or temporary field worker has been employed in each of these states, membership has increased, and the whole state program has seemed to take on new life. In Georgia the affiliated group is one of the most active in all the South and is doing an excellent job. The Mississippi Division recently elected a new chairman, and is working for an increased membership. Both North Carolina and Texas are Affiliates of the Council and are carrying on extensive programs within those states. Kentucky is a State Division and is continuously active. Virginia has a most alert committee, which is not formally affiliated with the Council. In Alabama the state group has been somewhat inactive, although there is an active local group in Birmingham. Arkansas, as a state, is not organized, but there is a local interracial committee in Little Rock which is quite active. The same thing is true in Louisiana, where the state itself is not organized but where active groups are at work in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Tennessee and Oklahoma have no state groups, although there is a possibility of one being organized in Tennessee, since local groups are already active in both Knoxville and Nashville.

In the final analysis, Dr. Mitchell said, the real work is done by the state and local groups within their respective localities. Council headquarters desires to be of the utmost assistance to the various groups and he asked for discussion as to ways and means of accomplishing the maximum results in increased memberhip and progressive programs within the individual states.

Alabama

Rev. Carl Kluge, speaking for the Alabama group, stated that the state group, as such, had not been engaged in a continuous, active program, but that the local group in Birmingham, of which he is a member, meets regularly once a month. This is a small group, he stated, and while not approaching its problems in a very planned or organized manner, does keep its fingers on the pulse of local matters and leaders of both races are encouraged to feel that each has friends in the event of an emergency.

Arkansas

Mr. Harry Bass stated that, although there is a local interracial committee in Little Rock, there is no organized group of SRC members at the state level. Little Rock members are interested in having a state committee and asked that he bring back a report from this conference on ways and means of going about setting up such an organization. There are about 27 members of the Little Rock group.

Florida

Mr. Ray stated that in the State of Florida there are about 28 local committees, some operating as units of the Urban League, others known as the Good Neighbor Committee, and so on. Those heading the state group realize fully that the only truly effective way of tackling a community problem is through an awakened local citizenry.

Mrs. Zeuch stated that there is much strength to be gained by a state group in becoming a formal Division of the Council, in that the state group feels that it gains regionwide support through this close working relationship with Council headquarters. Local groups, in turn, become formally affiliated with the state group, feeling that in this way they gain strength and impetus from close association with statewide leaders who, themselves, have the backing and support of a regionwide organization such as the SRC.

Results in Florida since the group became a Division of SRC have been surprisingly good. As examples, Mrs. Zeuch cited, an increased membership, the employment of a temporary field worker, the work done with the Governor's Committee on Education, and the success of the state group in acquainting the public with the implications of the white primary bill.

Mrs. Havens stressed the importance of having, first, a specific objective in thinking of a state or local organization. This objective, must appeal to both races. Some groups have taken the matter of transportation, some law enforcement, some health problems--but, whatever the objective, it must be something close to the hearts of leaders of both races. Once this has been done, there is more likelihood of a permanent organization which will widen and grow. As an example, she cited the Jacksonville Survey, the story of which is covered in the June quarterly issue of New South.

Mrs. Zeuch presented a resolution from the Executive Committee of the Florida Division, recommending that the Florida Division be permitted to charge a membership fee of $1.00 to those members who are members of other groups working with the Council and have already paid membership dues to these other groups. After discussion, it was decided that this is a matter for final determination by the Florida Division itself, requiring a change in its by-laws, and should be presented to the Council for approval before adoption.

Georgia

Mrs. Tilly reported that the Georgia Committee, organized at the same time as the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in 1919, now raises its own budget. Membership dues are $3.00 annually, $1.00 of which goes to SRC for a one-year subscription to New South.

She stressed the importance of the work of local groups and agreed thoroughly with Mrs. Havens that any group, to succeed, must first choose its objective. In Macon, for instance, a Community Center for Negroes was taken as the group's first objective; in Griffin a swimming pool; in Atlanta the Negro Boys' Club, now one of the finest in the South. At the same time these local programs are going on, a statewide program is being promoted. She listed some of the fields in which the Georgia Committee is actively engaged such as hospitalization, equalization of teachers' salaries and of educational facilities; arousing public opinion against injection of the race issue into political campaigns; education against mob violence and other forms of violence, and investigations into such cases.

Dr. Brewer stated that, although there is no formal, organized committee in the city of Columbus, interracial meetings are held and his group feels encouraged with the support they receive from many sources. Negroes are voting without difficulty; Negro doctors and nurses work together with white doctors and nurses in the hospital; however, he stated, the police situation is the cause of a great deal of criticism. He felt that a formal, organized committee could accomplish a great deal, but so far, he said, no one has been found who wishes to take on the chairmanship. Mr. Shaw suggested that a leader might be found among the white women of the community. Mr. Ray stated that local newspapers often can be most helpful, once the cold, bare facts have been laid before them, in pointing up local needs and arousing right-thinking local citizens to head up a movement to better conditions.

Kentucky

Mrs. Young stated that the Kentucky Division of SRC is in its infancy, having become a Division only this year, but that it had been active prior to this for many years as the Kentucky Interracial Committee. Among the fields in which the Division is active are hospitalization and general health conditions of Negroes; attempting to arouse support for the admision of Negro doctors into hospitals; and, recently, enlisting the assistance of SRC headquarters in a program for obtaining proper professional and graduate educational facilities for Negroes of the State. It is planned to hold a Health Clinic, she said, for the purpose of educating both races on the urgent need for more adequate health facilities.

Louisiana

Miss Chisholm said that she could speak only as a member of the New Orleans group. There is no formally organized state group, although there are active groups at both Baton Rouge and New Orleans. She wondered whether it would not be comparatively easy to bring the 77 members of SRC together as an organized state group. She commented that it seemed to her the wrong approach in setting up a local group to ask the Negro leadership to state specifically what it wants. These are problems of all citizens, she stated, and not of an particular race or particular group within a race.

Mr. Smith, a member of the Baton Rouge group, said that his local group was entirely in accord with the aims of the Council; that the members feel that the Council's program is sound. Progress is being made, he said, and there is cause for encouragement. In a recent million dollar bond issue a certain amount of money was set out specifically for Negro schools. In planning for the Southwestern Students Association meeting last spring, the student body at the University voted two to one for Negro student participation.

Mississippi

Mrs. Lyells stated that she felt the Council's aims to be, basically, those which are set out in Rayford Logan's book, "What the Negro Wants" --the same simple things the white man wants; that is, to share equally in the privileges of a democratic society, as well as in the responsibilities; to fit into his local community without racial barriers; to be counted in when white ministers say all men are brothers. She felt the need, she said, of the Council's program for attaining its objectives being set out clearly and specifically, leaving to local people the working out of the necessary techniques.

North Carolina

Mr. Johnson reported that the North Carolina Interracial Commission has something like 500 members, some of whom are somewhat inactive but help financially. Over $3000 has been raised through subscription from members this year. One diffuculty, he said, has been the difference of opinion among the Negro leadership as to exactly what phases of human welfare they wish to have the group concentrate its major efforts upon. He expressed the feeling that a state's program will make much greated progress once the Negro leaders have stated clearly what they want to see accomplished.

South Carolina

Mr. Dabbs stressed the importance of working together in a spirit of Christian love, bridging the gap by working together for a common cause. He felt that any group of people can be cemented firmly together when they have chosen a common goal and all are working diligently together for achievement of that goal. Betterment of conditions for all the people will come about, he said, when we band together in this manner.

Mrs. Spearman made a plea for what she said might be termed the South's large percentage of "second-class citizens", including the Negro. It is necessary to reach all these people, she said, if real progress is to be made. She expressed her confidence in the Council's expanded program, which goes beyond mere race and looks at the overall problems of the entire region. She stressed the importance of remembering the following in carrying on the Council's program: rural people, labor unions, economic and social legislation, and coordinating community activities of various other groups.

Tennessee

Mr. Daves stated that he would like to see the Council set forth some definite aims and goals; the South's problems have been studied from every angle, he said, and the time has come when we should state definitely what we hope to accomplish ultimately. The Negro people ask only for sincerity; they are a patient people, he said, but they are anxious to know in which direction the Council is going and by what methods it intends to attain its objectives.

Texas

Mrs. Crate pointed out that, while her group was organized shortly after World War I as a purely interracial goodwill enterprise, it has through the years branched out into various phases of state and community welfare. There are active local units in many cities, among them Houston, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Huntsville, San Antonio, and Bryan. These local groups themselves chose those areas of work within their respective localities where they feel they are needed. In Houston monthly meetings are held, with three large meetings a year, held in the largest downtown white churches. The state group has a number of formal committees, each with a definite objective.

Mr. Shaw told something of the way in which the Houston group went about its reorganization. As had Mrs. Havens, he pointed out the importance of having a common objective to begin with. He urged a program of education as an effective means of enlarging the membership of any group. Once your aims and purposes are understood, he said, many people will come forward who are of like mind and will be glad to join hands in a common cause.

Mr. McLeod stated that some twenty-five years ago he was sold on the purposes and aims of the Interracial Commission and that, should the Texas Commission and the Council both go out of existence, he would continue his interest and enthusiasm. As a teacher he has found that often one has to step up his own pace to keep up with the youth when it comes to fellowship among the races. Herein lies much reason for hope and encouragement.

Virginia

Explaining the organizational set-up of the Virginia state group, Mr. Allen stated that his group operates as the Department of Race Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches, with the various local committees operating independently within their own localities, on their own individual programs.

There are three factors to be considered in the overall picture, Mr. Allen said, if any real progress is to be made, and these are economic, political, and civil rights. At the present time the Virginia group is considerably concerned over the resurgence of mob violence in the South, and he expressed the hope that the Southern Regional Council would spearhead a movement to combat this growing evil. He mentioned the new Community Hospital in Richmond which is to be dedicated as a war memorial. Negro doctors will be admitted to the staff and there will be 100 beds for Negro patients. Another project has been obtaining proper recreational facilities for both the YMCA and the YWCA. Five cities in Virginia now have Negro policemen, all of them having increased the number since the initial step was taken.

Discussion of Political Activity

Mr. Leonard Haas, SRC counsel, discussed the question of political activity under SRC's charter. Those present were anxious to have some clear definition of what constitutes political activity and how it may be distinguished from educational or welfare work.

Mr. Haas explained that there are no rulings on what constitutes political activity. The mere fact of the Council's being a non-profit organization does not in itself mean that the organization is tax-exempt. But, it would be tax-exempt if no "substantial part" of its activities are devoted to political propaganda or political activity. What may constitute " a substantial part", he went on to say, is up to the Revenue Department to determine.

Mr. Haas pointed out that, while he did not have the slightest doubt that SRC will be ruled to be tax-exempt, he did not think it wise to take na aggressive attitude on large national controversial issues. In answer to questions as to whether working indirectly, in a purely educational manner, for or against specific legislation, might be determined to be political activity, Mr. Haas re-emphasized that the restriction specifies that "no substantial part of its activities may be devoted to political activity." He was of the opinion that the methods employed by members of state and local groups stood in no danger of being misconstrued as political activity. Mr. Haas did feel, however, that if complaints should go to the Revenue Department in several instances, there would be a possibility of the organization losing its tax-exempt status.

Mr. Ray told something of the effective manner in which the Florida Division has cooperated with the Governor's Committee on Education; Mr. Allen pointed out that much good can be accomplished through working with other groups; Mrs. Tilly told of the experience of the Georgia Committee in remaining in the background and at the same time carrying on an educational campaign with church and civic groups.

Membership Report

The total membership of the Southern Regional Council, Miss Price reported is now around 2,000. Indications are that at least an additional 3,000 Southern people could be brought into the membership in the fairly near future.

In explaining the procedures followed by the Council in its effort to build membership, Miss Price described the plan being used by the Mississippi Division's new chairman. This is to write a letter to a prospective member over his own signature. The prospect's name and address is then forwarded to the regional office and a second letter of invitation is sent from there. Thus, the initial invitation comes to the individual from his own state group, before he is written to by the Atlanta office.

In Florida, when a part-time field worker was employed, this worker called on a great number of individuals and explained the Council's program, with particular emphasis, of course, on the major objectives of the Florida Division. These names were sent to the Atlanta office and further cultivation was carried on from that point. Also, each Florida member received a letter from the state chairman and secretary-treasurer, asking him to obtain five new members.

After some screening, many of these prospects are placed on a three-months free subscription list to receive New South. At the end of this time, they are asked to become members. A number of persons are also selected from college catalogues and other likely sources and cultivated in this manner.

Miss Price distributed to those present the names and addresses of all SRC members in their respective states, with the suggestion that each of these persons be invited to membership in the state group. Likewise, she asked that state groups let the Atlanta office have names and addresses of their own members for cultivation on the regional level.

Membership Dues

Dr. Johnson stated that the Council's by-laws, adopted at the charter meeting in 1944, provided that "members shall pay such dues as the Board of Directors may prescribe". The first year dues were set at $1.00. Eventually, however, after much consideration and discussion, dues of $2.00 were decided upon. It has been found, Dr. Johnson stated, that this $2.00 membership fee barely covers the actual cost of "carrying" a member.

When a state group becomes a formal division of the Council, he explained, $1.00 of the state's $2.00 membership fee is kept by the Council and $1.00 is returned to the state division. In Georgia, where the state group is an affiliate of SRC, members pay $3.00, $1.00 of which goes to SRC for one-year's subscription to New South. Georgia Committee members who wish to become members of SRC pay the usual membership fee of $2.00, but reduce their state dues by $1.00 since SRC membership automatically entitles them to New South.

Contributions by state division members, Dr. Johnson explained, may be designated for distribution in any way the donor sees fit. The entire amount is returned to the state, if the donor specifies that his contribution is for work within the State. When no instructions are given on the division to be made, the Council has followed the general practice of retaining one-half and returning the other half to the state division.

There is some confusion, Dr. Johnson stated, where the state groups are affiliates rather than Divisions, in that members of affiliates often think they automatically become SRC members upon payment of dues to their state groups. He

wondered if a satisfactory arrangement might be worked out whereby persons sympathetic with the Council's aims, and desiring to keep in touch with the program, could be enrolled possibly as Associate members at $1.00 a year. Such a membership would not entitle them to voting privileges but would put them on the mailing list to receive all publications as they appear.

Mrs. Zeuch expressed the opinion that, after all, the idea is to spread the Council's program over the South, reaching as many individuals as possible. Referring to the possibility of agency memberships, she went on to say that this type of membership, with one or two representatives from eacy agency, did not seem to her nearly as desirable as reaching many move individuals, even with a reduced membership fee and no voting privileges.

Mrs. Spearman commented that there were many persons interested in the Council's program and wishing to cooperate, but who already have paid dues into a number of other organizations and do not feel financially able to pay additional dues. She mentioned specifically heads of some public agencies, whose salaries are comparatively small but who could make invaluable contributions to the regionwide, statewide, and communitywide work of the Council.

Mrs. Crate called attention to the Texas set-up, which provides for a $5.00 membership fee for active members; $2.00 for Associate members, and 50 cents for student members.

Mrs. Spearman asked if the present trend within state groups is toward becoming fullfledged Divisions of the Council. Dr. Johnson answered Yes, once a state group affiliates with the Council, it seems to see the need and advantage of becoming a Division; most of the State Divisions asked for this closer connection with SRC not long after becoming Divisions.

Conclusion of
Tuesday's Session

Concluding Tuesday's session, the following motions were unanimously adopted:

1. That a copy of the report of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to each member of the Council's Board of Directors and to the heads of all local units cooperating with the Council.

2. That the Chairman of the conference appoint a committee to make recommendations from this body to the Council's Board of Directors.

THE WEDNESDAY SESSION

June 18

Vocational Education
for Negro Veterans

In opening the discussion on vocational schools for Negro veterans in the South, Dr. Mitchell strongly urged those present to direct some definite efforts, within their respective communities, toward the establishment of vocational training schools for veterans. Once these schools are established, he said, the chances are more than good that they will be continued.

Dr. Mitchell mentioned the splendid work done on veterans' services by Mr. Harry Wright, while he was employed by SRC, and the equally fine work which Dr. Trigg was able to carry on in this connection after Mr. Wright left. Although it meant adding to an already-heavy work schedule, Dr. Mitchell said, Dr. Trigg did a most admirable piece of work. Now that he is leaving the Council, and budgetary problems make it imperative to observe the strictest economy, there will be no one to carry this work on, and Dr. Mitchell urged all those present to make this one of their major objectives when they return to their own localities. One main purpose in calling this meeting, he said, was to put onto the shoulders of State leaders the job of developing across the South a network of new schools, at secondary level which could afford veterans full opportunity to use their several years of entitlement to educational benefit.

He introduced Mr. J. C. Holbrook, Chief of Vocational Rehavilitation and Education Services, Branch 5, Veterans Administration, Atlanta, Georgia, who had been invited to tell the group something about the educational benefits available to veterans through the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Holbrook emphasized that the objective of any course of study under Public Laws 16 and 346 must be employment for the veteran. The VA provides the tuition, the books, and necessary supplies, but the states themselves must provide the institution. There is no provision for the VA to build these schools, and each such training institution must be approved by the state approving agency, which in most cases is the State Department of Education. The South is considerably short on training facilities and many, many veterans are having to wait.

In answer to a question as to how often these schools are inspected after they are established, Mr. Holbrook said that usually this is done three times a year, but that experience has shown that once a school is well established the local school people are eager to have the "inspectors" call, not for inspections but rather for the assistance they might be able to give.

Mr. Williams stated that at Fort Valley, where there is both a Negro college and a Grade A Negro High School, with some 700 or 800 veterans in the area, efforts to establish a vocational school have met with failure so far. Some of these veterans, he said, are paying from $25.00 to $30.00 a month for transportation to other points to obtain training. Mr. Holbrook stated that the VA is not permitted under the law to attempt to influence the approving agency in any way in taking action on a request for approval of a given institution. The states retain complete control of their school systems, he said.

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that the general practice in the South is to limit vocational training of Negroes to those trades commonly accepted as the most likely sources of employment for Negroes, and said that if the veterans were to be got into trade schools in large numbers, it would be necessary for the schools to offer work in the newer skills. Mr. Dabbs pointed out that indications are that soon there will be complete mechanization of agriculture, with increasing industrialization of Southern towns, and it seemed to him just good common sense to plan for this change. Mr. Shaw and Dr. Brewer pointed out, however, the difficulty to be overcome in selling local school authorities on the need for this training for Negroes, now that the war is over.

Mr. Ray told the group that in Tampa they had been successful in retaining the training facilities set up for Negro workers during the war. For a time, he said, it looked as though the training would be withdrawn now that the war is over, but local newspapers got behind the thing, cooperating with a very fine school superintendent and local businessmen who were unable to obtain need skilled workers, and this training is still available. He expressed the feeling that most school superintendents, like the one in his area, are delighted to have an expanded program to administer and wondered if the basic problem does not lie elsewhere, possibly with organized labor and the farm owners.

Mr. Holbrook stated that self-proprietorship on the part of Negroes might be an opening wedge for Negro workers branching out into fields of employment heretofore closed to them. For instance, he said, a Negro radio repair shop proprietor has an opportunity there to give employment to trained Negro radio mechanics.

In reply to Dr. Mitchell's question, Mr. Duncan stated that North Carolina now has approximately 30 Negro vocational schools for training veterans. (See Dr. Manley's paper attached, giving details on how North Carolina went about accomplishing this; and Mr. Duncan's paper attached which gives a progress report on the project. At the request of many attending the conference, these two papers are reproduced in full.)

Dr. Mitchell brought out that in North Carolina the Veterans Administration has employed four Negro Training Officers. As pointed out by Mr. Holbrook, the VA cannot establish the schools for training, but both Dr. Manley and Mr. Duncan gave full credit to VA officials in North Carolina for their excellent cooperation and support.

Mr. Harry Wright, former field representative of the Veterans Services Division of SRC, was aked by Dr. Mitchell to tell the group something of the manner in which he went about his work while with the Council. He said that, first, he met with Negro community leaders, who then took him to meet with the white leaders. This done, he went into the amusement places frequented by ex-GI's, to learn, first-hand, how the veterans' program was operating in a particular community.

All too often, he said, these men - and sometimes even their community leaders - had little or no knowledge of benefits available to them. In fact, often where community committees have been set up for handling veterans' problems, no Negro had been appointed to the committee,or even had attended any committee meetings.

After he had spoken to the white and Negro groups on veterans matters, he said, he almost invariably met with the question: What can we do? His answer was, Do something toward getting educational advantages for the Negro veteran. Do this, get facts and figures before those in places of authority. Show the number of white educational institution for a given white population, as compared with the number of educational institutions for the Negro population, etc. too many of the best-thinking people in a community are not in touch with what is going on. When they are confronted with the facts as they stand, you will find most of them eager to help to do the right thing.

He stressed the importance, when a Negro talks to white leaders, of speaking honestly, man to man, on what the Negro wants. This will pay, he concluded, for you will find the majority of white people ready to assist when you give them the facts and convince them of your sincerity.

Mr. Rogers remarked that, as he had listened to the discussions, he had felt that there did not seem to be the link which should exist between Negro leadership and progressive white persons. He mentioned two forthcoming meetings of Negro business leaders and urged SRC to send a representative to each meeting. He felt that cooperation between these Negro leaders and SRC would prove mutually beneficial. For instance, he said, if this problem of on-the-job training for Negro veterans were properly presented to these employers, they no doubt would see to it that many opportunities were made available to Negro veterans for such training in their own establishments.

Mr. C. H. Munson, Chief, Vocational Training and Education, the American Legion National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., was next introduced to the group by Dr. Mitchell.

In thanking Dr. Mitchell for the invitation to attend this meeting, Mr. Munson remarked that letters sent into the South inquiring as to the standing of the Southern Regional Council had brought forth most commendatory statements regarding the Council's program and what Southern people think of it.

Pointing out that it is not the American Legion's intention to attempt in any way "to dictate to state people" in the educational field, Mr. Munson stated that the actual working out of education opportunities for veterans, regardless of race, should rest within the States themselves. People must forget to look to Federal agencies to set up schools for these veterans, he said, and begin to look to their own state and local authorities. He joined with Mr. Wright and Mr. Rogers in their statements that the Negro leaders must, themselves, lead out in obtaining the educational benefits provided under Public Laws 16 and 346.

Mr. Munson stated that reports prepared by the Veterans Services Division of SRC had been quite helpful to Legion headquarters; that the Legion is anxious to have the Negroes themselves tell it exactly what they feel the Legion can do to assist with their problems. He expressed particular interest in Dr. Manley's and Mr. Duncan's reports of what had been accomplished in North Carolina, and requested that a copy of each be sent to him. He stated that he would make a report of this meeting; and offered to send a copy of his report to any local Legion officials who desire it.

There was some discussion of Negro membership in the American Legion. Dr. Mitchell pointed out that there are a number of Negro posts of the Legion in the South, each post having its own Negro Post Commander. He felt that despite the

barrier of segregation a good deal may be accomplished through these post commanders and their contacts with white posts. Dr. Trigg said that, following World War I, the veterans in North Carolina asked officers of the American Legion if they might organize a post. The answer was No. The Negro veterans themselves went ahead and organized, he said, and were thereupon taken in by the white post. He felt that headway may be made with much less difficulty once the Negro veterans unite together in some such organization.

Mr. Munson said that " this meeting is in itself an education for me. We in the Legion are anxious to know the Negro people's needs and to help where and when you wish us to."

Mr. R. L. Williams, Service Officer, National Council of Negro Veterans, Fort Valley, Georgia, was then introduced and asked to tell the group something of the activities of his organization.

Mr. Williams agreed with Mr. Munson that the problems of the Negro veteran must be faced and solved through the sympathetic help of local people, but painted a rather discouraging picture of the difficulty his organization encounters in arousing the interest of community leaders and agency officials.

The general purpose of his organization, he said, is (1) to cooperate with the VA and State Veterans Service Officers and other agencies in assisting veterans; (2)to disseminate information concerning educational opportunities; (3) maintain contacts with school officials in the interest of veterans; and (4) render advisory service to individual veterans.

Mr. Williams said that his experience with state educational people had disclosed a discouraging lack of conscientious planning with regard to vocational educational training of the Negro veteran. Negro school officials,in far too many instances, he said, are themselves none too well-informed on benefits available to veterans or the source from which such benefits are to come. In 1946, he handled something like 3,000 requests concerning vocational opportunities in his area. His inquiries to various agencies often failed to bring in the necessary information.

He asked that those present be acutely conscious of the difficulties facing Negro veterans in their quest for proper vocational training and, in their respective communities, do what they can to see to it that the Negro veteran is represented when committees are set up or meetings are called to plan for the welfare of veterans.

Dr. Mitchell commented that he felt there was some hope for alleviation of the situation described by Mr. Williams, in what North Carolina and some other Southern states have done for its Negro veterans. He recommended Advisory Committees like that in North Carolina for each of the Southern States, one function of such committees to be to work closely with the State Directors of VA.

Police Administration

Opening the discussion on police administration in the South, Dr. Guy B. Johnson pointed out that one of the very definite objectives of the Council's program since its organization has been the improvement of administration and enforcement of the law.

The Council has promoted the use of Negro policemen; has conducted investigations of lynchings; prevented lynchings, riots and near-riots; and has worked with the churchwomen of the South in an effort to revitalize the good work done by the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching.

On May 14, he said, he appeared before the President's Committee on Civil Rights and laid before that body some suggestions on how to deal with abuses of police power, lynching, and other violations of civil rights in the South such as suffrage restrictions and abuses of provisions for separate but equal facilities.

While giving due credit to the South's law-enforcement authorities for a difficult job to be faced, Dr. Johnson pointed out that the level of qualifications for these officers is below standard and should be raised. An upgrading of salary scales might help, since the low salaries presently paid bring into the service persons who are vulnerable to graft and crooked politics.

Dr. Johnson stated that not only is there abuse of police power, but also that railroad conductors, street car operators and bus drivers are empowered to enforce the state laws on segregation, and all too often make quick use of their guns, resulting in the death of many Negroes every year in the South.

The police manual is now under preparation by the Council, Dr. Johnson reported, and is to be ready for a try-out early in August. In this manual it is planned, first, to show the police officers that their job is recognized as a particularly tough one; second, to give them some factual background information on the South's greatest minority group; third, to examine the nature of race prejudice; and, fourth, to try to outline some suggestions as to what constitutes good, professional, courteous, fair, but firm administration of the law.

It had been hoped to have the manual tried first in Atlanta, but in the event this is not possible, then in Savannah, where Negro policemen have been recently employed. Experimenting with the manual in several places, Dr. Johnson said, will show up changes which will need to be made before the manual is finally printed for general use. It is the Council's hope that some Police Department or Department of Public Safety will sponsor this manual, with the Council itself acting as a consulting agency.

Mr. Allen mentioned the possibility of getting the Department of Public Safety in Richmond as a sponsor; and Mrs. Crate said there might be a possibility of obtaining a sponsor in Texas, where schools for policemen are being held in various places. Representatives from the Texas Commission have gone to these people she said, and asked that the police training include a course in race relations.

Dr. Brewer stated that in Columbus, Georgia, the Negro soldiers hardly dare to come into town from nearby Fort Benning because of the brutality of the local police; and this does not stop with the Negro soldiers. It has spread to the white soldiers, and, in at least one instance, a white soldier's wife has been slapped by a policeman there.

Mr. Ray told of the set-up between local police in Tampa and the Provost Marshal, with respect to the activities of Negro and white servicemen stationed at Drew Field. A most effective system has been worked out between the Marshal's men and the men on the local force; and recently, as the result of a complaint that the sheriff's deputies had mistreated a Negro soldier, two deputies were suspended pending an investigation.

Mr. Bass told of the success of the Little Rock group in obtaining Negro policemen. After trying "everything in the book," he said, they finally told their story to a woman newspaper reporter, who said she would discuss the desirability of publishing their story with her editor. The first article appeared on Saturday morning and another in the afternoon paper that day. On Monday morning, local authorities called in the group and asked for their assistance in finding qualified Negro policemen. Six are now on the force.

Public Relations

The role of the press in cementing good racial relations cannot be overemphasized, said Mr. Ray, who is editor of the Daily Times of Tampa, Florida, and also Chairman of the Florida Division of SRC.

As a source of needed information your newspapers fill a great need; this lack of proper information on the part of veterans which has been discussed at this meeting, he said, can be overcome through newspaper cooperation with the various groups. His own newspaper assigned a reporter for this special task, gathering information needed by returning veterans. The Tampa Daily Times has a special section for the Negro citizens of Tampa, which carries information of particular interest to them.

Mr. Ray told how the newspapers in Tampa cooperated in obtaining Negro policemen there. A white minister and a Negro minister were asked to call a meeting of the ministers of the town. Newspaper reporters attended this meeting and gave the story to the public, including the action of the group in naming a special committee to call on the Chief of Police. This committee called on the Chief and then went on to see the Mayor. The Mayor suggested experimenting with three Negro policemen. A list of ten trained persons was prepared by the Negro community leaders, and from this list three men were chosen. This number has now been increased to six.

Newspapers did a good job in acquainting the public with true conditions in Florida's schools, Mr. Ray said, even before the Governor's Committee on Education was formulated. His own newspaper ran a series of articles, showing the condition of each school in the county, white and Negro. Leaders were embarrassed that they lived in a place where such conditions were allowed to exist, and plans now call for the floating of a nine million dollar bond issue to get better schools.

When you solicit newspaper cooperation, Mr. Ray said, go to top personnel, not to reporters. But, he warned, go with your facts, not generalities. Be graphic be brief. Newspapers are not too anxious to print speeches or protest stuff, but if you will take some facts on a given local condition, you will find a sympathetic ear.

The radio is another most useful medium for building good public relations, Mr. Ray said. NBC carried an Urban League financial campaign program recently, which was reproduced in Tampa, with very good results. The radio reaches a large audience, he pointed out, and its potentialities should by no means be under-estimated or overlooked.

Mrs. Young asked that the Negro press not be overlooked. Its headlines may be somewhat sensational at times, she stated, but since Negro newspapers are almost wholly dependent upon individual subscriptions for their existence, they must appeal to the masses who read them. These papers, she stated, do not have the large amounts of advertising which most white dailies have. If you disagree with a Negro newspaper, she said, a letter from you will get a sympathetic reception. She expressed the hope that SRC will continue to cultivate the Negro press, keeping it informed on all activities.

Mr. Bass wondered if a concerted newspaper campaign would help in the matter of Negro homicides. Mrs. Zeuch and Mrs. Havens told of the success met with in Florida in this connection, as did Dr. Clement on the Atlanta homicide situation. Recently, he said, a death sentence had been obtained in the case of a Negro homicide.

Mrs. Lyells and Mrs. Spearman expressed the hope that SRC headquarters would be able to send out to the press stories of achievement of Negroes. Stories of crime, they said, are published glaringly, and they felt that achievement stories might very well get space in the press and thus give white people another side of the picture.

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Reportof the Committee
on Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the four pamphlets mentioned below be used as the basis for a simplified program to be distributed to individuals, and especially to local organized groups, in emphasizing and implementing the SRC's origin and purpose:

   SRC - Its Origin and Purpose
   December 1946 New South
   Index for New South for 1946
   The South is Yours

2. That more Field Workers be secured by SRC to work with and to maintain closer contacts with local and state groups. And, further, to make these Field Workers available by formal offer from the Atlanta Office.

3. That the minutes of this conference be sent to each representative attending and to the Chairmen of State Committees or Divisions, to be passed on to their groups.

4. That the members of the SRC staff make every effort to secure invitations and to attend annual meetings of national business, professional and educational organizations.

5. That the SRC staff send explanatory literature to each new member which will explain the origin, purpose and program of the Council.

6. That workshops be held periodically to train leaders from various communities in the principles and purposes of SRC and to teach procedures for carrying out its program in local communities.

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J. H. Daves
Chas.A. Shaw
Mrs. Hortense Young
Mrs. Warren T. Zeuch

AMENDMENT was made to the foregoing as follows:

That Dr. Mitchell, as Executive Director of the Council, present this report of the Committee on Recommendations to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

UPON MOTION, duly made and seconded, the Report of the Committee on Recommendations was unanimously accepted.

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CONCLUSION

Mrs. Havens, speaking for herself and Mrs. Tilly (who could not be present for the final session), told the group that either of them will be delighted to come into the States at any time they are invited, to assist in any way possible. Some engagements already have been made far into this fall, she said, but some dates are open and they will be glad to make every effort to attend any meetings to which they have invitations.

In his closing remarks, thanking the group for coming, Dr. Mitchell said he hoped the conference had given all who attended inspiration to go back to their own localities and carry on with renewed strength and vigor. He said, again, that Council headquarters is not too concerned with the kind of organization each state has, just so the work moves ahead vigorously. Let the Council know when you need help, he added, and the staff will do anything possible to be of assistance.

Money is short, but the recommendations just made by the Committee are good, and if financially possible, the Staff will try to get them put into effect. The police manual will soon be ready in its initial form, and to do the proper job in this matter of police training, he said, the Council should have a greatly increased budget. How this will be done. he said he did not at this time know. But he added, we are looking forward to the future with hope.

NORTH CAROLINA PLAN FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Last October 30, Dr. Shepard and Dr. Newbold called a meeting of Negro educators in North Carolina to discuss with members of the Veterans Administration the state-wide program for the education of veterans in North Carolina. The idea behind the meeting was to determine, as far as possible, the services that were available to veterans in institutions offering on-the-job training, high school and college training.

There were representatives from high schools, colleges and from state agencies such as the State Department of Education, School Health Coordinating Service, the Department of Public Welfare, etc. Following this meeting it was agreed that an Advisory Committee on Veterans Education should be organized to do what the name of the committee implies--advise the Veterans Administration with respect to educational problems. A follow-up meeting was, therefore, held at North Carolina College at Durham on February 6, 1947. The purposes of this meeting were (1) to organize a control committee to advise the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Education in the training of veterans in North Carolina, and (2) to develop a state-wide plan for the education of veterans.

To set the background for the meeting excerpts were read by the acting chairman from the report of a study of educational programs for veterans in the South. This study was made by Dr. George S. Mitchell of the Southern Regional Council and appeared in "South Today".

The type of programs for which funds were available from the Veterans Administration were given considerable attention. Dr. Virgil Clift, of A. & T. College, indicated that funds were available from the Veterans Administration for: (1) the regular college program, (2) veterans who are high school candidates and who are interested in refresher work in order to gain admittance to college, (3) the accelerated high school program from which the veteran obtains his high school diploma upon completion of his high school work, (4) the college refresher program which is designed for those veterans interested in professional or graduate education, (5) combination vocational and high school work which offers trade courses on the high school level, (6) agricultural program for individuals taking on-the-farm training, (7) on-the-job training--here the applicant secures training through a business firm, (8) special schools--such as those providing training in radio mechanics, and (9)off campus centers where veterans pursue high school or college education which clears through some college.

In the discussion of this same topic it was further brought out that under Public Law 16 the Veterans Guidance Administration or Veterans Rehabilitation Administration, ex-service men are restricted as to school and type of training available and, under Public Law 346 no limitations are made and the veteran is able to choose the school and type of vocational training he desires.

The elegibility for compensation for work done outside the usual administrative duties expected of the principal was discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that any rulings on this matter would have to be issued by the State Board of Education since the Department of Public Instruction did not have any authority over such matters.

A second important topic related to the status of the Negro veteran in North Carolina. Specifically, the question was, "Who is the Negro veteran in North Carolina?" During this phase of the discussion it was reported that only 1.4 % of Negroes from North Carolina who enlisted in the armed services during World War II had four years of college training and up. The idea was expressed that before an adequate educational program could be established on a state-wide basis in North Carolina, it was imperative that the educational level be obtained of all Negro veterans residing in North Carolina. It was found, for example, that no statistics were available as to the educational level of the white and Negro veterans in North Carolina. Several possible sources for obtaining these data were suggested.

Another topic centered around the question, "What are the present programs for Negro veterans in North Carolina?" Mr. Harrill, of the Veterans Administration gave the following as programs now in operation for veterans:

1. Adult program of education, veterans who desire practical knowledge and want to learn to read and write are enrolled at any academic level. Classes are small and must take place in an approved high school.

2. Accelerated course. Veteran enrolled at any academic level. The classes are small, individual attention is given. When the applicant has progressed fully he can get a high school diploma. The length of training is not limited, and instruction must be in an accredited high school.

3. Vocational school. The veteran learns a trade such as bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry, motor mechanics, etc.

4. Regular high school curriculum.

5. College education.

   a. Off campus training, (one in Fayetteville and one in Asheville). Here the student pursues a regular college course and his work clears through some college within the state.

At the end of this presentation the opinion was expressed that vocational offerings not based on high school level proved best for Negro veterans. Furthermore that A. & T. College provides the best training of this type in the South for Negroes. There is none available for whites.

Mr. Hemingway, Chief Officer of the Veterans Administration, added two supplementary programs to the list given by Mr. Harrill, namely, the Junior High School Program and the Vocational Agricultural Program.

Following up the discussion of the funds available for veterans education, the Negro veteran in North Carolina and the present programs for Negro veterans in the State, the discussion turned to plans for meeting the training needs of veterans. It was agreed that instead of encouraging more types of training, more facilities should be provided to enable more veterans to profit from the available training programs; that werever adult education takes place, the veteran should be consulted as to his needs and desires; that adult education should stress the point of training and special fields that are not covered in any other curriculum. For example, should

the veteran be interested in housing, loans, real estate, qualified persons should be called in at different intervals to give the veteran information concerning the problem. Since many teachers on the secondary school level are teaching afternoon and evening classes composed of veterans, the question was raised as to whether a teacher may fail in the teaching of adults who succeeds with adolescents. The answer was that experts in adult education agree that this is highly possible. Generally adults work better under less supervision and in informal circumstances. In order to help teachers who are working with veterans on the secondary level it was felt that some institutes or workshops should be established for the purpose of training people who plan to work with veterans. The observation was made by the head of the Veterans Administration that the same problems now exist in the education of veterans which existed among civilians in peace time. According to him, the need exists for the expansion of present programs. Furthermore that certain related subjects be carried on with on-the-job instructors through high schools, correspondence schools and community organizations.

The senior institutional training officer felt that great emphasis should be placed on citizenship courses in high schools and colleges. Also on courses dealing with people who are interested in broadening their general every day knowledge.

The following questions were raised concerning the job of the Advisory Committee: Is the committee designed just to advise? What shall be the structure of organization of the committee? Should there be qualified personnel to carry on further work in connection with the State Department of Education and the Veterans Administration? In answer to these questions it was pointed out that a committee should be set up to work with the Veterans Administration in dealing with institutional problems. It was further pointed out that in a meeting of registrars and representatives from the Veterans Administration, it was decided that a committee be organized among the Negro people and one among the white people to study the needs and problems of veterans. It was felt that committees should be made up of people who work with veterans from day to day.

At a later meeting held at North Carolina College, May 9, 1947, a committee was appointed to advise the Veterans Administration on the training of veterans from every educational level. Following are the members of the committee: Dr. N. C. Newbold, Director of Negro Education for the State of North Carolina; Mr. S. E. Duncan, State Supervisor of Negro High Schools; Mr. John R. Larkin, Consultant on Negro Work, Department of Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. W. A. Clement, Jr., North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C.; Dr. Virgil Clift, A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., and Dr. A. E. Manley, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, North Carolina College at Durham.

At this point it is necessary to call attention to the plans under way for the summer. A poll will be made during the summer of a representative sampling of institutions offering educational programs to veterans. They will be asked to submit any criticisms or problems they are encountering in carrying the educational program of veterans forward.

The officers of the advisory committee, both white and Negro, together with representatives of the Veterans Administration, will hold a meeting for the purpose of screening out problems and drawing up plans at Duke University late in July. There the agenda will be drawn up for a meeting to be held in the main court-

room of the Forsyth County Court House in Winston-Salem on August 15, 1947. Specifically, Dr. Jordan and Miss Yow, of Duke University, Dr. Clift, of A. & T. College, and I will meet with Mr. Harrill, Senior Institutional Training Office, Veterans Administration, to carry out this assignment. At the meeting to be held in Winston-Salem, it is hoped that the white and Negro members of the Advisory Committee, in a joint session together with selected representatives of institutions in the State, will, with the aid of experts to be provided by the Veterans Administration, clarify problems, clear up procedures and draw up the program for next year.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF NORTH CAROLINA SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN PROVIDING VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR NEGRO VETERANS THROUGH VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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The results of our efforts in getting Negro Veterans into the secondary schools of North Carolina for vocational training have been neither spectacular nor phenomenal when viewed in the light of our objectives and the expenditure of our energies; and regardless of the progress made its limitations have been evident; first, because of the lack of training facilities and equipment; second, because of the lack of special education for the veteran whose chronological maturity places him far out in advance of the average high school pupil, but whose educational achievement is confined to that of the elementary grades; and third, because of the lack f Negro personnel to act as counselors and supervisors and thereby provide increased stimulation for the promotion of additional and more effective programs. However, it is believed that the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Public Instruction have cooperatively devised techniques and formed the necessary organization by which the job of making available more courses for Negro veterans can and will be accelerated.

In October of the past school term our records showed but six Negro secondary schools holding contracts with the VA for vocational training, while the picture for the whites was much brighter. Six months later there were approximately thirty schools in the program, or approximately 17 % of the accredited schools for Negroes in the state. (The on-the-farm training program, not included in the above figures, was in operation in 77 schools as of January 1, 1947.)

The procedures followed by most schools while preparing to offer vocational courses to Veterans were:

1. Surveyed plant, facilities and available personnel for establishing school's readiness for offering vocational courses.

2. Obtained consent and cooperation of local superintendent in the project.

3. Made informal surveys through schools, churches and other sources to ascertain the approximate number of veterans interested and qualified to become enrollees.

4. Held preliminary meeting with interested veterans concerning certain aspects of the program as courses, time, cost, credit, place and faculty.

5. Requested that a representative of the VA be present at a subsequent meeting to further explain details of the program and to help provide for a contractual agreement between the VA and the local unit.

Fortunately, enrollment has been no serious problem. The average Negro veteran who returned from the war, through serious thinking, has made and evaluation of his personal assets and consequently feels the need for additional training. Many have had enjoyable and profitable experiences in the schools as pupils and rather like the idea of returning to further their education. Some are influenced by other veterans who have even taken the initiative and requested of the

school authorities that courses be offered to them. Publicity through newspapers, P. T. A. groups and through other channels has also served well to attract veterans to the courses. These courses offered in particular schools have been somewhat limited in variety. This is especially true in respect to the smaller schools where facilities and equipment are very limited. The range seems to be from one to six different courses offered in a particular school. Some of these are bricklaying, auto mechanics, carpentry, radio, agriculture, electricity, plastering and tailoring. One of the outstanding aspects of the program has been the degree of cooperation demonstrated by veterans in the selection of courses to be offered in the small secondary schools where it was a particular coure or none due to available equipment and instructors.

In conclusion, the Negro veterans of North Carolina have demonstrated their interest in acquiring vocational training on the secondary school level, and the greatest need of the present is not to get the veterans to the courses but to get the courses to the veterans.

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FLORIDA DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization is the Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

This organization shall endeavor to promote in the State of Florida the aims and purposes following, that is to say: to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to maintain an organization for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts toward regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices which will result in the greatest good for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of race tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust, to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, State, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Members. Voting members of this organization shall consist of members of the Southern Regional Council who live in the State of Florida.

Section 2. Associates. Persons who are not members of the SRC but who wish to cooperate with this division may become associates of the division. They may attend meetings and may have the privilege of the floor, but shall be without vote.

Section 3. Dues. Annual dues of members shall be the dues required for membership in the Southern Regional Council, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council. Annual dues of Associates shall be $1.00 a year, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Florida Division.

ARTICLE IV
Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The Florida Division of the Southern Regional Council shall hold annually a meeting of the members for the transaction of business at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive

Committee. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each member in writing not less than 30 days before the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by the Executive Committee, at any time. Notice of every special meeting shall state the time and place of such meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted, and it shall be delivered to each member at least ten days before such meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. The presence of not less than twenty-five of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of members.

Section 4. Voting. Each member shall have one vote, and unless otherwise provided in these by-laws, a majority of votes cast shall be sufficient to elect or to pass any measure.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1. Election and Powers. The members shall elect an Executive Committee of not more than 12 members, in addition to the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The members of the first Executive Committee elected under these by-laws shall be divided by lot so that the terms of four expire in one year, four in two years, and four in three years. At each subsequent meeting, four members shall be elected to the Executive Committee to serve a term of three years. They shall be eligible for re-election except that they may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. The Chairman of the state division shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee. During the intervals between meetings of members the Executive Committee may exercise all of the powers of the members unless otherwise instructed. It shall keep a full and fair account of its transactions, and its actions shall be reported to the members at their meetings and shall be subject to revision and alteration by the members.

Section 2. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings as provided by its own rules or as instructed by a resolution of the members of the Florida Division, and it may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairman or of any five members of a committee.

Section 3. Quorum. The presence of seven members, including ex-officio members, shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy on the Executive Committee the remaining members of the Committee may select a successor to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually by members and shall perform duties usually performed by such

officers. Any vacancy in any of these offices may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Executive Committee. The Chairman and first Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section 1. Checks and Drafts. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money in the name of the Division shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 3. Financial Report. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the members at each annual meeting and shall send a copy of the report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of members, or at any special meeting called for that stated purpose, by a majority of the members present.

[NOTE: $1.00 of the dues of each SRC member in Florida will be returned to the treasurer of the Florida Division. Likewise, any contributions earmarked by Florida members for use in Florida will be returned.]

A G E N D A

Executive Committee Meeting February 27, 1946

1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES

3. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

4. PROGRESS REPORT

   (a) Personnel
   (b) Veterans Service
   (c) Transportation Study
   (d) Jacksonville Survey
   (e) Altoona Recreation Project
   (f) Negro Police
   (g) State Divisions of SRC
   (h) Participation in Conferences, etc.
   (i) Publications
   (j) Membership Campaign

5. PROPOSALS

   (a) Personnel
   (b) Conference on Fellows
   (c) Survey of Police Systems
   (d) Miscellaneous

6. OTHER BUSINESS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

The first quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10 A. M. Wednesday February 27, 1946. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Paul D. Williams, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry Havens of the field staff. Thomas C. Allen, Director of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, who was visiting the SRC, was asked to sit with the Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Guy B. Johnson in the absence of the Chairman, Charles S. Johnson, who is en route to Japan as a member of the educational mission to advise General MacArthur on the organization and administration of a democratic system of education in that country. Mr. Williams, the new President of the Council, was introduced and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams be asked to preside over the meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, inasmuch as copies were mailed to the members.

Mr. Williams said that he was very glad to have this opportunity to meet with "the official family of the Southern Regional Council and to express gratitude for being elected to the presidency of the organization." He paid tribute to Dr. Howard W. Odum, the Council's first president, and said that he felt very humble to follow in his footsteps.

On a recent trip to Chicago Mr. Williams was invited by Dr. Will W. Alexander to meet with him, Mr. Edwin R. Embree, and Dr. Charles S. Johnson at the Julius Rosenwald Fund, where he had an excellent opportunity to talk with them about the problems of the SRC. Dr. Alexander later told Mr. Williams that the discussion had clarified some questions in Mr. Embree's mind and that he thought Mr. Embree was convinced of the part the Council is to play "in the upsurge of the South."

After these introductory remarks, other items on the agenda were taken up as follows:

PERSONNEL

Mr. Williams said that when he first visited the Council office before Christmas he was convinced that at least one additional staff member was needed to take some of the load off the Executive Directors. It was his opinion that Mr. Warwick would have to devote more and more time to the preparation of NEW SOUTH, particularly the special quarterly issues, and to other Council publications. Dr. Johnson said he agreed with Mr. Williams that another mature, well-qualified person is needed to help with the program. He told the Committee that he had conferred with a very able young man, a native of Louisiana now living in Washington, D. C., who was highly recommended to us, and who was considering the possibility of coming on our staff. If he does, Dr. Johnson said, he will serve first as a financial promoter to develop support particularly in the South and will be assigned

later to other projects for which he has special qualifications.

VETERANS SERVICE

Dr. Johnson explained that Dr. George S. Mitchell had planned to be present to report in person on the activities of the Veterans Service Division of the Council. It was thought wise, however, to send someone to Columbia, Tennessee, to investigate the race riot which was reported there the day before the meeting and, as he was especially interested in the fact that returned veterans were involved in the disturbance, Dr. Mitchell went to look into the situation while it was fresh. Dr. Johnson, therefore, read a brief statement prepared recently by Dr. Mitchell with reference to the Veterans Service program. (See attached.) The Committee also had an opportunity to see photographs, taken at the request of Dr. Mitchell, showing veterans participating in on-the-job training in the vicinity of Atlanta and elsewhere in the region.

Dr. Clement reported that he had been conferring with the Veterans Administration with a view to opening a Veterans Guidance Center at Atlanta University. He said it looked now as though a center might be established there.

Mr. Allen called attention to the fact that in on-the-job training it is necessary for the veterans to find their own jobs before they can apply for training. He suggested that this is one point at which they should be given help.

Dr. Johnson told of interesting reports which have been received from Mr. Harry Wright, of the Veterans Service staff, and suggested that copies might be sent to members of the Executive Committee. (See attached.) He said he felt that congratulations should be extended to Dr. Mitchell and other members of the Veterans Service staff for the progress which they have made.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dr. Johnson reminded the Committee that this was the study which was reported tentatively at the annual meeting in November. He said that "we are now at the point of seeing such people as the managers of the railway stations, officials of the Georgia Power Company, the health department, the mayor, and others to lay before them the findings of the study." As there are a few places in which improvement in the transportation situation has already been made, Dr. Johnson said that he and Dr. Trigg felt that it was very important for us to check further so as not to be caught in the position of going to these people to report situations which have been improved.

Dr. Johnson reported that, following instructions of the annual meeting that an effort be made to find money for extending this kind of service to other communities, he and Dr. Reid went to New York where they had a good interview with Mr. John Dollard of the Carnegie Corporation. Mr. Dollard felt that he could not recommend a grant for the project just as a survey, but said that he would like to wait to find what concrete results come out of the Atlanta study. It was Dr. Johnson's opinion that funds might be secured if we can show that improvement is made as a result of the survey. Mr. Williams thought that we should know within the next six months what these results are, and that if this necessitates the employment of extra help we should endeavor to find the money "to push it along as rapidly as possible."

JACKSONVILLE SURVEY

Dr. Johnson recalled that at the annual meeting it was announced that the

Council had been asked by a committee in Jacksonville, Florida, to assist with a survey of Negro community life in that city. He said that he and Dr. Trigg had made three or four trips to Jacksonville to advise with those who are conducting the survey. At his suggestion, Mrs. Havens told something of the background of the project. She explained that a group of Jacksonville citizens who had been very much interested in a survey of the Negro community in Miami finally decided to make a similar study in Jacksonville and to invite the SRC to act as consultants. Mrs. Havens said she thought that the success of the survey, which is being financed by a grant from the Community Fund, is due to the fact that the actual work is being done by Florida people. Other Florida communities, she said, have asked for similar help from the Council, and it was her opinion that perhaps the greatest advantage to the SRC in assisting with this Jacksonville survey is that it is setting a pattern for the improvement of community life.

Mr. Williams thought that it would be well to have a report of the bare essentials of the completed survey prepared so that not only the Executive Committee but the Board of Directors might see it. Dr. Johnson replied that the Jacksonville committee plans to publish the report in full and that he thought the Council might prepare a leaflet or pamphlet to send out with the report, explaining the technique and telling of the results of the survey. The topics covered by the survey, he said, are: housing, health and medical care, education, industry and employment, transportation, law enforcement and civil rights, recreation and culture, and welfare agencies.

Mr. Williams asked whether the report might be put in the hands of some journalist. Mrs. Havens replied that Jacksonville is in a fortunate position just now, since Mr. Ed Ray, the new Chairman of the Florida Division of the Council, is Editor of The Tampa Times and President of the State Editors' Association.

ALLATOONA RECREATIONAL PROJECT

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that in January a letter was received from a white lawyer in Cartersville, Georgia, who is a member of the Council, with regard to the possibility of getting a recreational project for Negroes at the new Allatoona dam, thirty or forty miles northwest of Atlanta. This lawyer wondered whether the Council might send a representative to assist in the preparation of a plan to be presented to the Army engineers in support of a request for a project for Negroes. Dr. Trigg, who went to Cartersville, reported that the Allatoona project is one of the services that the U. S. Army Engineers planned for the development of hydro-electric power and flood control, and the U. S. Park Service, he said, proposes to develop recreational areas. He explained that they are setting aside about four or five hundred acres for recreational purposes along the lake that is being formed. It was Dr. Trigg's opinion that one objective of the Council should be to get the white and Negro leaders of a community to form the habit of getting together on projects that concern both. He said that he had "asked the Federal people to let us in on all their projects in any state in the South in which they work." The Federal Park Service selects the site for a recreational center, Dr. Trigg explained, and the State Park Service is responsible for its development, so that "if there is any problem, it will be with the State Service." Dr. Trigg thought it would be desirable for a group of Atlanta Negroes to go to see the State Park Commissioner concerning provisions for Negroes in the State parks.

NEGRO POLICE

Dr. Johnson reported that we are cooperating in the effort to have Negro police appointed in Southern communities. He said that Asheville, North Carolina, recently voted to add Negroes to their police force. As was stated at the annual meeting in November, Negro police have also been added to the force in Norfolk, Virginia, largely as a result of the effort of a local Woman's Interracial Committee. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that although we have not yet been able to make much headway in Atlanta we are continuing our efforts. He reported that Mrs. M. E. Tilly, of our field staff, had worked with a number of women's organizations and that some of them had gone on record as favoring the use of Negro police. He said, further, that we had cooperated recently with the Atlanta Association of University Women who have had two programs on the subject this winter, and that we secured Mr. Henry Yancey, City Manager of Greensboro, North Carolina, as the speaker for one of the meetings.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council had supplied a petition which a group of Negro citizens has circulated and which they had presented to the City Council, asking that Negroes be added to the Atlanta police force.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that some inquiry might be made into the use of the auxiliary police who were used during the war.

STATE DIVISIONS OF SRC

Dr. Johnson reminded the members that we are committed to the development of state divisions of the Council wherever possible and that we now have two divisions: Florida and Mississippi. Florida is getting under way with Mr. Ed Ray, Editor of The Tampa Times, serving as Chairman. A meeting of the Florida Division will be held in the new broadcasting studio of the Times within the next two months, Dr. Johnson said. The Mississippi Committee on Interracial Cooperation, at its meeting on February 8, voted to become a State Division of the Council, and we are now in the process of finding a chairman.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Kentucky Committee would like to become a division of the Council. As they are very much interested in active legislative work at the present time, however, it is doubtful that they will come in as a State division just now. Since the Council and its divisions cannot participate in legislative matters under its charter, it was thought that the Kentucky Committee should become an affiliate of the Council rather than a state division. This would leave it free to pursue its legislative program.

We now have plans for organizing State divisions in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee, Dr. Johnson said. In North Carolina the State Committee has been in an unsettled state, but Dr. N. C. Newbold is trying to revitalize the organization and perhaps to combine it with the Division on Cooperation in Education and Race Relations. The Virginia Committee is a cooperating organization, he said.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Williams congratulated Mr. Warwick on the first two issues of NEW SOUTH, which he thought had a much more attractive format than the former monthly paper. He suggested that it might be helpful if we could get a newspaper man to prepare a series of articles concerning the SRC -- "its objectives, its democratic processes, its Christian ideals, its personnel." Mr. Warwick said that Mr. Caldwell of the

Associated Press had said that he wanted to send to his member papers very soon a special article on the SRC.

Mr. Williams also suggested that for one of the quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH we have "the finest, most courageous leaders of the three major faiths to prepare articles which would be a kind of appeal to the conscience of their respective religious bodies for a different attitude toward our Negro brethren."

Mrs. Havens said that when she and Dr. Johnson visited the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee, last year, the Dean expressed the opinion that not enough information concerning this work was getting into the theological schools of the South. He urged that more help be given the young men who are studying in these schools.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dr. Johnson reported that we had recently sent out between five and ten thousand cultivation leaflets as a part of the system which has been developed for cultivating prospective members. Mr. Williams asked that we consider the advisability of having a small membership card printed.

FELLOWS

Mr. Williams said it had occurred to him that if we could bring the SRC Fellows to Atlanta for a sort of clinic of one or two days they would feel that they were an active part of the Council family and would be able to do a much better job in the field. He asked whether the Committee would approve of holding such a clinic.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that a clinic be held for the Fellows provided funds can be found to cover the expense.

SURVEY OF POLICE SYSTEMS

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council is committed to make a study of police systems provided additional funds and a suitable person for the work can be secured.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Williams said that in reading past minutes of the Council he had noticed that provision was made for a National Advisory Board to act as a cooperating agency, but that nothing had been done toward setting up such a Board. It was his feeling that "if we had a National Advisory Board which would meet not more than once a year with a group of officers and members of the SRC we would be complementing certain organizations that are doing over-all, national jobs for the Negro and for the South and certain individuals who stand for forthright leadership nationally and, therefore, are interested in the type of work we are doing." Mr. Williams told the Committee that he had talked unofficially with several friends about this and found them most interested in what the Council is trying to do in the South. He felt that if we could judiciously select people who have good contacts and would be capable of giving us guidance this would answer the complaints of people who think we are an ineffective Southern group. He was convinced that such a Board would be a great asset to the Council.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that, in compliance with the by-laws authorizing the appointment of a National Advisory Board, we recommend to the Board of Directors that such a Board be appointed at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Johnson suggested that we begin immediately to make up a list of suitable people to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Williams asked Dr. Johnson to prepare "a message of felicitation and good wishes to be sent to Dr. Charles S. Johnson in Japan."

Mr. Warwick told the Committee that following the annual meeting of the Council last November Mr. Caldwell of the Associated Press said he had always been interested in the SRC and thought that its meetings should be open to the press. It was his opinion that when meetings are closed people are inclined to be suspicious. Mr. Warwick said he would like to see us open our meetings to the press, for when they send their own representatives to get the story they give much more attention and more space to it.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the annual meetings, with the exception of business sessions, be open to the press.

Dr. Johnson said that just as a reminder he wanted to say that at the annual meeting it was voted that the Resolutions Committee and the Nominating Committee be standing committees, and that they be appointed by the President. Mr. Williams replied that he would give this matter attention.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that it had been a pleasure to preside over this meeting and "to note the spirit of willing cooperation which exists." He expressed appreciation to the members who had come from a distance.

Following a prayer by Msgr. McNamara, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

REPORT OF VETERANS SERVICE DIVISION

George S. Mitchell

This is by way of a report on work so far of the Veterans Services Division of the Southern Regional Council.

I took the job on June 18, 1945. The first six months were spent in reading up on veterans' needs and benefits and on administration of services to veterans. Several trips were made in Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington. Gradually a program took shape involving two main lines of work:

(1) A survey of the administration of veterans services in the Southern states.

(2) Stimulus to vocational education, particularly job training and on-the-farm training.

The survey is about completed in Louisiana and Virginia and partially done in North Carolina. Alabama is now being looked at by Mr. W. B. Twitty. A forthcoming article by me in the New South for February gives the general background of services to veterans. It is intended in later issues to provide details state by state. The survey is really a means of finding out what the situation is and making acquaintance of the officials and of local interested groups who are dealing with the problems. So far as it has gone, it has turned up the following things which are needed.

(1) Much more Negro personnel in local offices serving veterans.

(2) Statistical reports in such offices showing their services by race.

(3) Improvement of USES on Negro placement in skilled and semi-skilled jobs.

(4) More participation by Negroes in the work of Selective Service Boards as reemployment committeemen.

(5) Opening of the American Legion to Negro posts in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. More Negro posts in states which already permit the chartering of Negro posts would be helpful.

(6) Some linkage of the many mushrooming Negro veterans organizations which are springing up.

(7) Much more vocational education to be made available to Negroes and old-timey courses to be replaced by training in new skills.

(8) Greatly improved police administration.

Job training offers great prospects, but needs much improvement. Few veterans know about it, and communities in general know less. If the program could be expanded and improved, it would not only do a lot to better the prospects

of Negro and white veterans in the Southern states; it would be the means of establishing in the South a well-rounded and effective pattern of technical education for all who would want it. Present bottlenecks are the matter of getting employers to take on trainees and the completely inadequate staff assigned by the State Departments of Education to the program. I hear that important efforts are being made to arrange for the U. S. Office of Education to subsidize the State Departments of Education in order that these latter may put on enough people to do the job. That means people to inspect places where training is being done and people to find new training opportunities. The administrative procedure is new, and a lot of work will have to be done to tighten it.

In an effort to speed all this I am trying to get far more veterans to apply for job training and its companion, farm training. At about the turn of the year five veterans were employed as field agents to do this. These men are Harry Wright, Ibra January, Horace A. Bohannon, W. E. Dixon, (Negroes), and W. B. Twitty (white).

Mr. January has northern Louisiana, and Mr. Dixon has southern Louisiana. Mr. Harry Wright has Mississippi. Mr. Twitty is in Alabama, and Mr. Bohannon is in Georgia.

Another Negro veteran, Mr. John W. Merkerson, has already been trained for this work during a recent lengthy furlough and is expected to be out of the Army and at work within ten days or so. He will probably be sent to Florida and perhaps to South Carolina.

Salaries of these men range from $200.00 to $275.00 a month, plus travel expense, which is heavy.

Their procedure is to travel to towns and cities with a proportionately large Negro population. They first interview officials in charge of job training or farm training. They then reach the more influential Negro leaders and some white leaders and point out the possibilities involved in trade training for veterans. In a good many cases the leaders whom these veterans have talked with have of their own accord set up informal organizations to follow through, but no special effort is made to get going a chain of local organizations. What is attempted is to get the word out that trade training is available to veterans and is a good bet.

Thus far, job training has been explained in four or five towns in north-central Louisiana. The south Louisiana man has only just arrived in New Orleans and has begun there. In Mississippi, good work has been done at Jackson, Clarksdale, Greenville, and at a number of rural points in the Delta area. In Alabama, Twitty is both looking into administrative services and pushing job training. He has been to Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Tuscumbia, Montgomery, and Mobile. In Georgia, Mr. Bohannon has worked with Negro state officials in charge of vocational agriculture at Fort Valley and Waynesboro, and has begun to push job training in Augusta. He has had to do a certain amount of individual training placement work for Negro veterans in Atlanta. Actually, he has gotten eight men into training opportunities, although he spends only an odd couple of days in Atlanta now and then.

A few other specific things of less importance have been done. We had a hand in working out a two-day meeting about services to Negro veterans in Virginia and a one-day meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. I have attended similar meetings at Fort Valley, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. This office has also

handled perhaps a dozen individual Negro veteran cases for small services about claims and jobs. Several of the Atlanta veterans servicing agencies now call this office once or twice a week with a special case they have not been able to unravel and ask our help. I do not encourage this, but when we get one we do what we can.

Names and addresses of influential local people whom I or the field agents meet are made available to the Southern Regional Council, which gives them a free trial subscription (three months) to the New South.

You will see that great areas of the South have scarcely been touched. Nothing has been done in Tennessee, hardly anything in South Carolina, nothing in Florida, and nothing in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. It would of course be well if I could put on people to handle each of these states. The months passing just now are critical months. Several of the field agents now assigned can be pulled out of the states they are presently working in and put elsewhere, but this should not happen for at least two months. Present expenditure is at a rate of roughly $3,000 a month, which neatly fills the budget available until June 30.

I would welcome your comments on what is being done, and on ways to make the best use of time and effort and money.

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19 January, 1946

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have just returned to Jackson from a visit to Natchez and Alcorn College.

I mentioned in my last letter to you that Mr. P. H. Easom, State Agent for Negro Education, had given me an appointment in order that I could meet the other State Officials concerned with the problems of veterans. Mr. Easom introduced me to Mr. A. P. Fatherree, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

After I had explained my mission, Mr. Fatherree gave me a complete lay-out of the whole agricultural set-up in respect to veterans. I am sending you a copy of the "Mississippi Plan." Frankly, not one thing is actually being done now, but I have respect for their "sincere" feelings toward their plan for veterans in agriculture. Mr. A. D. Fobbs, Negro State Teacher Trainer, will supervise the Negro Vocational Agriculture Teachers. I am making an effort to arrange a conference with him when he's in this area again. Mr. Fatherree and a few others with whom I talked are concerned about Mississippi being so late in getting the contract for their plan approved. I think that I'll be able to slip in a suggestion here and there since the "ground floor" is just being layed.

After leaving the State Capitol, I went by to get acquainted with the American Legion and the VFW people. In the American Legion office, I met Mr. Robert D. Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion. Mr. Morrow is one of those sort of persons who earn your respect right away just by his bearing. I explained the interest of my organization in veterans and asked him what interest was his organization taking in Negro veterans. He explained that the American Legion was working on plans to establish a department for Negroes in Mississippi, and that this plan had the support of most of the Legion Posts in Mississippi. He offered to give me an introduction in any part of Mississippi in which I planned to travel.

Mr. W. J. McCoy, State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was in charge of the Jackson office. In introducing myself I said that my office was in Atlanta -- he was born in Atlanta; knew about the SRC, so my program was sold to him right off. He explained that the reason why Negroes weren't admitted to the VFW posts or permitted to organize posts of their own was because the VFW feared criticism from the other veterans organizations. Plans are now under way to organize posts for Negroes. The VFW people are planning to write all the leading churchmen in Mississippi asking their opinion on the admission of Negroes; if their opinions are favorable then when or if criticism ever comes they can point to the advice received from these good citizens. Quite a clever idea. I have made some very good contacts with other sections of the state through Mr. McCoy. He has asked me to go by to meet some of the VFW fellows wherever I travel in Mississippi. I am going to his office Monday to pick up some addresses of VFW members in North Mississippi.

Before leaving for Natchez on Tuesday, I visited the office of the Secretary of the Mississippi Colored Teachers Association, Professor W. W. Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn is one of the best informed Negroes on the problems of education in Mississippi; he is employed by the State Department of Education as Mr. P. H.

Easom's assistant. Mr. Blackburn was able to give me a lead on the situation of Negroes in Natchez as he has worked in all the communities of Mississippi for the past thirty-five years.

I arrived in Natchez Tuesday afternoon. Through one of my old college rommates I arranged to stay at one of the very fine homes in the community. I made my approach in Natchez just as I had done in Jackson -- that I was just getting around to get acquainted with the good citizens, both white and colored, who could help the Colored Veterans get "out of the pool rooms" and off the (principal street for Negroes) and get settled down to becoming good citizens. I first met a few of the Negro leaders whom Professor Blackburn had mentioned and asked who would be some of the other people that I should meet. I made my way down to the local office of the Veterans Administration and met the Veterans Contact officer, Mr. Jimmy Clinton, a native of Natchez, cordial, easy going, friendly, and down-to-earth sort of fellow. We discussed all the usual problems. He said that as of 31 December, 1945, 1291 men from the Natchez Area had been discharged from the service; 645 of these were Negroes. Natchez had twenty men on Job Training -- five of these are Negroes. Mr. Clinton was interested in increasing the number of men on his Job Training Program, and as I was talking about "beating the bushes" for Job Training Veterans, I was one of his "fair haired" boys.

He said that I had his whole hearted cooperation in this sort of program and he suggested that I get a group of the leading Colored Citizens together before I left and that he would come around in the Colored Section and explain the opportunities for veterans. Naturally I was very pleased with this idea of his. He asked me to go by to meet some of the White Citizens who were interested in the Negroes. I went by to meet Mr. Joseph Dixon, a staunch American Legion man. Owner of the Dixon Novelty Shop; Mr. Dixon stuck out his hand and gave me a hearty hand shake when I mentioned that I had met Mr. Robert Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion, Mississippi. He said, "When you mention Bob Morrow's name among American Legion men in the South, you talk about a real man." He told me the whole history of race relations in Natchez, and pledged his cooperation to any kind of project like ours.

Mr. Clinton also asked me to go by to meet Mr. Robert Walcott, Justice of the Peace; I wasn't able to find Mr. Walcott in his office -- Justice of the Peace Walcott has the goodwill of most of the Negroes whom I met in the community.

I visited the local high school and was invited to speak at the assembly. A Miss Sadie V. Thompson is the principal of this school. Miss Thompson is an old woman who seems set in her old ideas and the school reflects her attitude. This is a handicap to the community of which the veterans are a definite part.

While in Natchez, Mr. Easom asked me to meet Mr. W. H. Braden, Superintendent of Natchez Public Schools. Professor Braden gave me a warm reception after I had explained my mission to Natchez. At the Negro High School, I had noticed a fairly well equipped shop and some of the cabinet work of Professor Jennings, so I hit on the idea of interesting Mr. Braden in working out some kind of training program for veterans in this shop; he felt that this was a worthwhile idea and when I left Natchez I found that he had approached the Veterans Administration with such an idea. Professor Braden said that if I should ever come back to Natchez that he would arrange for me to meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday night, I had one of the leading Negro businessmen, Mr. Marchant Dumas, druggist, to invite a group of the representative Negroes in the community to a meeting in his drug store to discuss opportunities for Negro veterans; I invited Mr. Jimmy Clinton, the Veterans Officer, to come down to give them all of

the information they desired. There were about ten leaders present. We scheduled the meeting for one hour; it lasted two and a half hours. Everyone fell into the spirit of getting the correct information to pass on to veterans. After the meeting was finished some few of the leaders were left talking to the Veterans Officer on the outside of the building.

I made no effort to try to organize a permanent committee. I felt it would have been a mistake at that time. Mr. Dumas promised to keep me informed on matters, and I felt if the thing just grew because of the seed of interest I had planted, it would be a more successful project. I'll see. The situation at Natchez fitted into the general pattern of the Veterans' situation in Mississippi that I described to you last week.

I went next down to Alcorn College. I wish every Mississippian could visit Alcorn. The neglect of State officials in not providing facilities for the education of Negroes at Alcorn College is a most serious mistake. I understand that the munition plant at Flora, Mississippi, was to have been an extension of Alcorn College; everyone, including the Governor, had approved of this excellent project. But a few words of objection from a few White People who lived in the community killed the whole works and as a result thousands of colored lads who braved the fury of the enemy all over the world are denied an opportunity to learn how to better earn a living. We have a long way to go yet.

Only thirty veterans are enrolled at Alcorn. Mr. William P. Robinson is chairman of the Veterans Committee at Alcorn College. Mr. Robinson is both able and willing to see that the veterans program at Alcorn is of real service to the fellows but the college is without both equipment and funds. President Pipes is most anxious for the fellows to get the most out of their program but he feels that without equipment and funds, Alcorn is not doing a successful job with veterans. There is hope for some funds by July, 1946, but in the meantime, I wonder just what will happen. This munition plant deal is something that should have the attention of someone who could work out some solution; this deal is most unfortunate.

I have arrived back in Jackson for a conference with Mr. Easom, Mr. Reddix, and veterans organization commanders; then I plan a two weeks trip through North Mississippi. I hope these reports are giving you the information you desire. Remember to let me know how I can improve my work over here. Please say hello to all of the SRC family for me.

Your friend,

(signed)
HARRY L. WRIGHT

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

May 22, 1946

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning May 22, 1946. Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Chairman, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, who only recently returned from Japan, was unable to attend the meeting because of pressure of regular duties. Therefore, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Paul D. Williams be elected to serve as Chairman of the session.

The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Frank Spencer, Josephine Wilkins, Paul D. Williams, P. B. Young, Guy B. Johnson, Harold L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, Mrs. Henry Havens, and Ray Warwick.

As the minutes of the February 22 meeting were mailed to the members, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Williams, after welcoming the members of the Committee and commenting on the large attendance, said it was his impression that "in the office of the Southern Regional Council, at least, we have real democracy in action," with well-trained members of both groups working together. He expressed the opinion that if the Council is to go forward the portion of its program which deals with "social justice in relation to our Negro brother must receive a large part of our attention." Mr. Williams called attention to a new book, A Negro's Faith in America, by Spencer Logan, from which he read the following quotation: "I am a Negro American. All my life I have wanted to be an American." In his closing remarks, Mr. Williams expressed pride in the selection of Mrs. Emma C. Clement, one of our Council members and the mother of a distinguished member of this Committee, as American Mother of 1946.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

Miss Clay reported that the Council now has a membership of about 1400 and that new members are being added each day. She said that Dr. Johnson had requested her to make a statement concerning our income since January 1. This she did as follows:

General Education Board	$ 6,000.00
Julius Rosenwald Fund	
To General Budget	5,000.00
To Veterans Service Division Budget	20,000.00
Phelps-Stokes Fund	200.00
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church	1,000.00

Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Home Missions, Congregational and Christian Churches, American Missionary Association Division	750.00
SRC Membership Dues	771.00
Contributions	405.00
Miscellaneous-Literature	512.00
New South and Mailing List Subscriptions	383.00

Miss Clay explained that the membership dues and contributions here reported were received mostly from new members and that notices of 1946 dues would be sent out on May 23.

VETERANS PROJECT

At the request of Dr. Mitchell, who was in Buffalo attending a meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, Dr. Guy Johnson told briefly of the work of the Veterans Service Division. Dr. Johnson read some excerpts from a confidential statement prepared by Dr. Mitchell from reports of members of the Veterans Division field staff:

> January 16- Wednesday morning found me making the rounds of the various veterans organizations. The first was the State Veterans Office headed by a fellow named ----. I talked with Mr. ---- who is in charge in the absence of the former. He assured me that his office would act with fairness to any and all veterans who came in. Strangely enough, however, his office has absolutely nothing to do with the certification of firms for training. The authority is vested in the ---- Vocational School which will be discussed later. He gave me a list of schools (and of the trades taught; both very limited) in the city and I picked one at random and visited it. I don't know what I expected but I found: an old dilapidated building with virtually no doors or windows, a very poor heating system, and, most despairing of all, poor teachers and worse subject matter. However, here veterans are taught along with 7th, 8th, and 9th grade pupils. Conditions are really deplorable at ----.
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> February 22- In ----, the first thing I did was to call on the local State Veterans Service Officer. I was ushered in in the usual manner to see a Mr. ----. He told me of a very sad state of affairs in ---- as far as job training is concerned. He said that few or no white shops admitted Negro workers (he blamed this on the unions.) He also said that in cases where Negroes were in white shops they were only being exploited. He cited an example of a veteran in a furniture shop, supposedly taking upholstering. However, a visit to the shop proved that the boy was unloading and uncrating furniture. He said that the Negro businesses were not trying to help. He said that most of them were trying to see what they could get out of the program.

On the subject of vocational training he brightened "a thousand watts." He seemed very proud to relate that the School at ---- State College is giving Negro veterans training in shoe repair, auto mechanics, brickmasonry, and sheet metal work, while the vocational school in ---- (white) gave diesel engineering, electrical appliance repair, electric motor re-winding, radio repair, etc.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that he thought the Veterans Division staff was doing a fine job of checking up on what is being done for the veterans. He said that Dr. Mitchell had asked him to report, further, that he had just added to his staff a young man in Texas and that he has released one full-time man and employed two part-time workers in Louisiana. He also is contemplating the employment of a white Antioch College student to work in Virginia and North Carolina during the summer.

It is Dr. Mitchell's opinion, Dr. Johnson stated, that his division can be reduced by the end of the year to his secretary and himself, as he feels that the state and federal agencies will be doing a much better job by that time. Already five Negro coordinators have been added to the state pay roll in Alabama, several in Tennessee, and several in Florida. He believes that the work which his staff members have been doing is partially responsible for these changes. Dr. Mitchell reports that the national Veterans Administration "has opened up some," though in a segregated way, by putting in some Negro Guidance Centers. One is being established at Atlanta University and there are a number of others in the South, he said. Dr. Mitchell has expressed some concern over what is coming to be called "52-20 Clubs" among the veterans; that is, unemployed veterans who will draw $20 a week for fifty-two weeks. He thinks that the expansion of on-the-job training might help to overcome this.

After further discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee feels highly encouraged by the report of Dr. Mitchell and commends him and his associates for the splendid work they are doing.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that Dr. Mitchell had sent to the Negro press mats of pictures which he had had made of on-the-job training and that these had been used rather widely. He also called attention to two articles written by Dr. Mitchell- "On the Job Instruction Offered GIs", in the Norfolk Journal and Guide, and "Veteran in Search of a Peacetime Future," in the magazine Pulse - and to the booklet Post War Planning for Negro Veterans, a report of a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, in which the Veterans Division participated.

Dr. Hancock asked what success Dr. Mitchell had had in getting this material to the white press. Mr. Warwick explained that Dr. Mitchell was particularly interested in getting it to the Negro press in order to acquaint the reader with on-the-job training. He said, however, that it was rather difficult to get the white papers to carry such news. Dr. Hancock suggested that so far as possible "we get a closer contact with the white press of the South."

JACKSONVILLE SURVEY

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that the survey of the Negro community in Jacksonville, with which the Council staff has cooperated in an advisory capacity, has been completed and that he and Dr. Trigg and one of the local advisers from Jacksonville spent several days in the office this month editing the report and preparing it for publication. The finished report will be available in the near future and the Council will have at least one hundred copies. We plan, Dr. Johnson said, "to boil the study down and popularize it for a quarterly issue of New South, perhaps in September, "by which time we hope to begin to see tangible results. It is expected that out of the study will come a local continuing committee to see that action is taken on the recommendations, and the local people have asked Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg to meet with them next week to advise them on the kind of committee to set up. Dr. Johnson said that the Council had gained several hundred friends in Jacksonville as a result of the survey, which he hopes will become a pattern for community study. He reported that inquiries concerning similar studies have come from several other places and that he had replied that the Council would be glad to cooperate in such studies, but that a larger amount of money should be made available for the study inasmuch as it will not be possible hereafter for us to bear the expense of sending staff members to assist in planning and conducting the study. It was his feeling that at least $5,000 should be provided for a community survey. (Jacksonville had only $2,000.) Dr. Johnson said that he would like to have the advice of the Executive Committee concerning our future participation in such studies.

Mr. Williams expressed the conviction that our cooperation in the Jacksonville survey is one of the most significant things that the Council has done. At his request Mrs. Havens commented on the background of the survey and said that in her opinion one of the greatest results is the fact that through their own participation in the survey the Jacksonville people have become acquainted with conditions and, therefore, have a greater interest in improving the local situation.

After general discussion, Dr. Johnson offered the following recommendation from the staff:

> That we be authorized to encourage similar surveys in other communities and to take a direct part in them when asked to do so, provided we have the time and provided the local communities have sufficient funds to reimburse the Council for expense incurred.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be adopted.

Mr. Haas asked whether it would be practical to solicit independent funds to assist the communities in making studies. During the discussion which followed, Mrs. Havens said it was the opinion of the committee in Jacksonville that there is a distinct advantage in having the study financed by the community; the local people then feel that it belongs to them and are, therefore, more obligated to see that the recommendations are carried out.

Mr. Williams expressed the hope that we might get someone to do an article for a national magazine on the survey.

COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, INVESTIGATION

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that SRC began investigating the Columbia incident the day after it happened and had continued to check up on the situation. Late in March we got in touch with the Department of Justice and suggested a Federal Grand Jury investigation. At their request a copy of a confidential report of our investigation was mailed to the Department of Justice on April 6, and Dr. Johnson had a long conference in Washington with the Chief of the Civil Rights Section on April 8. The report has since been revised and will appear in the May issue of New South.

Dr. Johnson said that as a result of his interview at the Department of Justice, at which time the white primary and the Ku Klux Klan were also discussed, we have a good working relationship with the Department, and we have promised to send them any reports or observations on any confidential material which we may have on such subjects.

NEGRO POLICE AND POLICE TRAINING

It was reported that Richmond, Virginia, is making some progress toward getting Negro police. Two Negro officers are on probationary status at present and are not in uniform. Negroes have been added recently to the police force in Port Arthur, Texas, and in Ahoskie, North Carolina. Dr. Johnson said that we do not want to be too quick to claim credit, but that members in various places have told us that it was work started by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and continued by the Council which was largely responsible for getting Negro police in their communities. Dr. Young expressed some disagreement with this statement, saying he believed that the addition of Negro police to the Norfolk police force was largely the result of local efforts over a long period of time.

Dr. Johnson reported that some work has been done on a manual for the training of police officers similar to A Guide to Race Relations for Police Officers, prepared by the American Council on Race Relations for use in California. We propose to contact the Southern Governors Conference, Dr. Johnson said, in the hope of persuading them to get their various state departments of justice, state highway patrols, etc., to sponsor training courses based on the manual which we are preparing. We now have a list of police officers and sheriffs in the South who have shown some interest in the California manual, Dr. Johnson stated.

FELLOWS

At our February meeting the advisability of bringing the SRC Fellows to Atlanta for a sort of clinic was discussed and it was decided to hold such a clinic provided special funds for this purpose could be found. Mr. Williams reported that on a recent visit to New York he conferred with Dr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board concerning the possibility of our securing a grant from the Board. Dr. Davis was interested, Mr. Williams said, and had since asked for more specific information to be presented to his Executive Committee in June, at which time consideration will be given to our request for funds to finance the clinic.

STATE DIVISIONS

Dr. Johnson reported that at a meeting in Jackson on March 21 the Mississippi Interracial Council completed its merger with the SRC and formed the Mississippi Division. The South Carolina Committee already had an affiliated status, but at a meeting in Columbia on March 28 the Committee voted officially to become a State Division of the Southern Regional Council. The Florida Division held its first meeting in Tampa on April 26, at which time it was decided to center attention on a study of education in Florida. The members present at that meeting also passed a strong resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan. Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Havens reported that the meeting received excellent publicity throughout the State and in some papers outside Florida.

We are still working on the organization of a division in Louisiana, Dr. Johnson said, the Texas Interracial Commission is now showing more interest in becoming a State Division of SRC, and plans for the organization of Tennessee members into a State Division later in the year are in the making. Dr. Johnson pointed out that our chief need as we organize state divisions is for more staff to help with their programs or for enough money in each state to enable them to have at least part-time executives to carry on their work.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dr. Johnson reported that the transportation study in Atlanta had been "put largely on Mrs. Tilly's shoulders." He read the following report from Mrs. Tilly:

RACIAL SEPARATION IN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The Study of Racial Separation in Transportation has been presented at the annual meetings of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, to the Augusta Interracial Committee, to the Georgia Council of Church Women, and to the Jurisdiction Committee on Christian Social Relations of the Methodist Church.

A committee of the Fulton-DeKalb Interracial Committee has been formed here in Atlanta and is appointing sub-committees to formulate action on the various sections of the study.

(a) Health aspects of the Study. A sub-committee will take the pictures showing the conditions of the restrooms at the bus and Terminal stations to the city health authorities.

(b) Public relations aspects of the Study. A sub-committee has been twice to see Mr. Mitchell of the Georgia Power Company about the handling of passengers on busses and street cars within metropolitan Atlanta. Two members of the Georgia Power Company staff appeared before the Fulton-DeKalb Interracial Committee and listened to the facts presented to them. They agreed to work with the Committee in the elimination of the trouble.

A sub-committee has been to see the solicitor about the impossibility of getting any conviction of drivers of the busses and street cars for rough handling of passengers. The committee is preparing facts to present to the Grand Jury.

The Study is to be integrated into the course of study which all Southern church women will make this summer on Christians and Race. It will be featured at the summer assemblies of church women this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commander Spencer referred to the recommendation in the minutes of the February meeting concerning a statement of church leaders and expressed the feeling that this is one of the most important things which the Council might do.

Mr. Williams read a letter, which came by special delivery during the meeting, from Mr. Philip Randolph, expressing appreciation for a telegram concerning FEPC received from the Council at the time of the Madison Square Garden meeting.

Dr. Johnson told of a request which we had received to sponsor performances of "Carmen Jones" at the City Auditorium. It was the consensus that this would not be advisable.

Mr. Williams recalled that at the February meeting it was voted to recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of a National Advisory Board, in compliance with the by-laws. He asked Mr. Haas, our Counsel, whether this could be done through correspondence. Mr. Haas expressed the opinion that such action would require a meeting of the Board.

After expressing appreciation for the presence of the members attending the meeting, Mr. Williams asked that Dr. Young and Dr. Hancock "say a word." Dr. Hancock suggested that Dr. Young speak for both of them.

Dr. Young assured Mr. Williams that both he and Dr. Hancock were delighted when he was chosen as President of the Southern Regional Council. He gave a brief review of the background of the Council and expressed the opinion that "all of us feel that we have in the Council a group of people who have dedicated themselves to the task of achieving social justice, not only for Negroes but for the white people and for other racial groups who may reside in the region." Dr. Young recalled a recent statement of the Governor of Virginia, who said that the white people of the South cannot prosper and be happy unless the colored people prosper and are happy, and the colored people cannot prosper and be happy unless the white people prosper and are happy. He was convinced that this is the general sentiment of all members of the Southern Regional Council, who want to work along broad, constructive lines on problems that may be solved probably not today or tomorrow, but in the years or months to come. Dr. Young said that the program covered by the agenda for this meeting furnished the basis for "remarkable action." He expressed the hope that the

Council might examine the situation pertaining to crime in the South, particularly in Virginia, where he felt that there was "a sort of tradition to bend over backward to be lenient with Negroes who commit crimes against other Negroes." He suggested that it would be helpful if the SRC Fellows could make a study of crime in the South.

Mr. Williams thanked Dr. Young for his remarks and requested Msgr. McNamara to offer a closing prayer, after which the meeting adjourned.

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Dear Miss Clay: I hope it is going to be possible for me to set myself straight on something that is recorded in the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting of May 27th under the sub-head of Negro Police and Police Training. It is stated in the minutes that "Dr. Young expressed some disagreement with this statement, saying he believed that the addition of Negro police to the Norfolk police force was largely the result of local efforts over a long period of time."

That is substantially true, but I did not have reference to work done in past years by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and continued by the Council.

I had reference to a brand new committee of women organized a few months ago who addressed a letter to our City Manager shortly before the policemen were appointed, and who after the appointment took complete credit for it. Actually the men had been named six months before the new group of ladies made their approach, but this appointment had not been announced because two of them were in the armed service.

The whole thing does not warrant any formal correction but I just wanted you and Dr. Johnson and others there in the office to know that I had no reference to past work on the part of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, or anything that had been done by the Southern Regional Council in this direction. I am quite certain that all of this had some bearing on the appointment of policemen, not only in Norfolk but elsewhere in the South.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ P. B. Young
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting, October 9, 1946

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

October 9, 1946

The third quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, postponed from August 28, was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 9, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with the following present: Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Carter Wesley, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and George S. Mitchell of the Veterans Division staff. Dr. Rufus E. Clement came in later, having just returned from an out-of-town engagement.

Since all members had received mimeographed copies of the minutes of the second quarterly meeting, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried -

1- IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 22 meeting.

In commenting on the SRC personnel Dr. Guy Johnson said that only one change had taken place since the previous meeting: Miss Jane Martin of the stenographic staff married and moved to Syracuse, New York, in September. Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation of Miss Martin's efficiency and said that we regretted very much losing her. He reported that she had not yet been replaced, but that we are trying to find another woman for the position.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that "The Council is about to suffer an irreparable loss because Miss Clay will be leaving the Council soon after the annual meeting to make her home in Florida." He said that "Miss Clay's contribution to the work has been such that no one person can replace her." Her resignation will be presented for formal action at the November meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Wesley-

2- IT WAS VOTED that a resolution be passed, expressing the unanimous opinion of the Committee, commending Miss Clay for her efficient and courageous work throughout the years she has been identified with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Council, and wishing her well in her new home.

Dr. Mitchell told the Committee that the field staff of the Veterans Division had decreased from eight or nine full-time people in the early summer to two now, with one who would be full-time except for illness. Two former members of the staff -- one who is teaching in the Atlanta public schools and the other who has entered Morehouse College -- are now working during week-ends at $8.00 a day. A young woman has been engaged for temporary work, Dr. Mitchell said, to see whether a pamphlet can be prepared on the basis of reports of the field staff.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that on September 15 we had a membership of 1483 and that 115 members have been added since that time, making a total of 1598.

Msgr. McNamara asked whether the Council's printed materials were used extensively to cultivate new members. He expressed the opinion that it would be helpful, with the pamphlets which lend themselves to study groups, if there could be appended a "break-down looking to their use by such groups," and that this perhaps would also stimulate a greater interest in the literature.

The Chairman asked what the relationship is between the SRC and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, and also between the SRC and the organization work which is being done in Tennessee by Miss Ella

P. Mims. Dr. Guy Johnson explained that the Georgia Committee, which was a part of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation and was a "going" organization at the time this Council was set up, is now affiliated with the Council. During the summer, he said, Miss Mims has visited a number of places in Tennessee, including Columbia, and is now organizing a Nashville division of the Council. It is our plan to call the Tennessee SRC members together a little later, Dr. Johnson stated, for the purpose of organizing a State Division of the Council.

Mr. Wesley asked what should be done in Texas to get a division set up, since Dr. Porterfield, who recently offered his resignation as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, is no longer active in the work. It was suggested that Mr. Wesley get in touch with one or two influential members of the state group upon his return to Texas to find out whether the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation would be interested in merging with the Council, or whether they wish to remain an affiliate. It was agreed that the most desirable arrangement from the Council's standpoint would be to have them become a state division.

Msgr. McNamara asked why the Georgia Committee had not become a division of the Council. Dr. Guy Johnson said that a strong state organization, which is able to raise a budget of some three or four thousand dollars a year, feels that it might suffer a financial loss by becoming a state division of the Council. In response to a question from the Chairman, Dr. Guy Johnson replied that Dr. R. L. Russell, a retired Methodist minister who is Executive Secretary of

the Georgia Committee and a member of the Council's Board of Directors, "carries on a work which not everyone could do; he knows how to talk to local groups and how to get their interest." As a result he has been successful in setting up a number of local interracial committees over the State. Dr. Johnson said that if we could have three or four good full-time field people on the Council's staff he was convinced that we could work out satisfactory arrangements with the state interracial groups.

Mr. Wesley said he thought that we should encourage the Georgia Committee to merge with the Council, and that Dr. Russell's leadership would be a distinct asset to the Council.

In reporting the financial status of the Council at the present time, Miss Clay called attention to the fact that an additional amount of $4,000 would be needed in order to balance the budget for the year. The total amount of appropriations for 1946, she said, has been less than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. She called attention to the fact that we have hoped to have a renewal of the appropriation from the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational and Christian Churches, but have not yet received notice of it. Dr. Charles Johnson, who directs the interracial program of the AMA, explained that when the Association set aside $1,000 a year for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and later for the Council, it had no definite program on interracial activities. Since then, however, it has set up such a program, with only a modest budget, and is no longer in a position to make a contribution to the Council's budget. It was suggested, however, that an effort be made through Mr. Charles Dollard

to get an appropriation from the Carnegie Corporation to balance the budget for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell gave a brief report of the Veterans Division activities. He mentioned the printed reports on the work in Alabama and Arkansas and stated that a report for Louisiana was about ready for the printer. Negro veterans are beginning to organize fairly rapidly now, he said, and a Council of Negro Veterans has been set up by the Veterans Division of SRC for the purpose of drawing together for periodic meetings heads of Negro posts active in veterans' organizations. A committee is selected from the Veterans Council, he said, to call on the head of the State Veterans Administration, the state superintendent of schools, and other officials to press for more Negro personnel and fairer administration of services. Such Councils are now in existence in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and we hope to have one soon in South Carolina and perhaps in Florida. Dr. Mitchell said that one purpose of the field representatives has been to agitate for the addition of Negroes to the payrolls in the states. So far the Veterans Administration has done nothing more than put a few men in Negro educational institutions as guidance officers. The states, however, are "beginning to give," Dr. Mitchell said. Florida now has five or six state or county Negro employees, Louisiana has one employed by the State Department of Education as a vocational agricultural teacher on farm training for Negro veterans, and Oklahoma has a few Negro employees. Alabama has done the best job, however, with twelve Negro coordinators.

Mr. Haas said that he would like to express his personal admiration for the fine work Dr. Mitchell has been doing and that he felt proud to be a member of the organization. This was the unanimous opinion of the Committee.

In speaking of the Jacksonville Survey, with which the Council cooperated earlier in the year, Dr. Trigg said that a Continuing Committee had been organized to see that the recommendations based on the survey are carried out. All the objectives are being considered, he said, and things are being done which the survey committee had not even planned to do. The Continuing Committee met in September, Dr. Trigg reported, to select the objectives which need immediate action and they are being pushed now. Dr. Trigg feels that the significant thing about the Survey is that the local committee made their own recommendations, which were accepted and approved by the local group before they were included in the report. Dr. Trigg said that the Jacksonville survey sets an example for Southern communities, because it uses the initiative of the local people and brings together the leaders of both races to work out their own problems. It is his hope that the Council can start two or three surveys in each of the thirteen states during the coming year.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Council received a grant of $1500 from the General Education Board which will enable us to bring the SRC Fellows together for the first time. A two-day conference will, therefore, be held November 14-15, following the annual meeting. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that some of the Board members would be able to attend the Fellows Conference to help with plans for the

coming year.

In speaking of the police problems, particularly here in Atlanta, Dr. Johnson expressed the opinion that "things seem to be getting worse." He said, however, that in view of the fact that the Atlanta Police Committee has recommended enlargement of the police force we are trying to organize some pressure to see that Negro police are employed. Dr. Johnson also spoke of the recent killing of Negroes on street cars and busses in Atlanta. Dr. Charles Johnson suggested that some of these cases might qualify for action by the Department of Justice. He thought that we would be justified in making a deliberate approach to the Attorney General.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that following the Monroe, Georgia, lynchings we wrote the Department of Justice and Governor Arnall and posted a reward of $1,000. The situation is somewhat discouraging at present, he said, as the FBI have been on the case over two months and have not yet been able to find sufficient evidence to warrant the making of arrests by state or local officials.

Mr. Wesley said that because of antagonism against an anti-lynching bill many actual lynchings during recent years have not been reported in the daily press; as a result, the Tuskegee report, which is based on information secured from the daily press, does not include these lynchings. He expressed the opinion that "we need to be aware of the fact that there seems to be a distinct conspiracy among the news-gathering agencies that these things are not reported as lynchings."

Dr. Guy Johnson told the Committee that in September Mrs. Tilly brought together in Atlanta a group of Georgia women to discuss reorganizing the Georgia Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching which was a part of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The group will meet again soon to report actions taken by the various boards which they represent and to make further plans. They have already renewed the sort of pledges against lynching and mob violence which they formerly used, Dr. Johnson said, and the Methodist and Presbyterian women have begun circulating the pledges over the Southern states. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that other similar groups would be set up within the next few months.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question of the Council's taking action in support of anti-lynching legislation and asked for an expression from Mr. Haas as to whether we would be allowed to work for specific legislation under our charter. Mr. Haas replied that such action by the Council would make it a non-tax-free organization. It appeared, from the discussion, that the Committee was of the opinion that at the present time the Council should not support any specific legislation.

Inasmuch as Dr. Clement arrived after the meeting was in session and said that he would be compelled to leave before adjournment, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3- IT WAS VOTED that the Committee ratify any actions taken prior to Dr. Clement's arrival.

In speaking of the Council's printed materials, Dr. Johnson said that he thought it might be necessary to cut down the size of the

quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH to reduce the cost. He reported that a police manual is still in the process of preparation and that we are working, also, on a pamphlet which we think will be called SEPARATE BUT EQUAL, dealing with such problems as education and transportation. This would review the separation laws and would include an outline for use by study groups. The Methodist women's study groups, Dr. Johnson said, have indicated that they could use 10,000 copies of such a pamphlet among their women.

By common consent it was agreed that a message should be sent to Dr. R. L. Russell who is now in the hospital recuperating from an operation.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To Members of The Executive Committee of The Southern Regional Council.

For your information here is the Schedule of the regular meetings of The Committee during 1947:

February 26	August 27
May 28	November 11

Please mark these dates on your calendar. You will receive a notice about two weeks in advance of each meeting.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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AGENDA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 1946

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of October 9 Meeting
3. Resignation of Miss Clay
4. Finance
5. Staff Recommendations
6. Other Business

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
November 12, 1946

Nov. 12, 1946

The Executive Committee met in the SRC Conference Room at 10 A. M. on November 12, 1946. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Josephine Wilkins, Paul D. Williams, Guy B. Johnson, Harold L. Trigg; Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Henry Havens, of the field staff. Mrs. Warren Zeuch, J. M. Tydings, Dr. F. D. Patterson and Dr. R. B. Atwood, members of the Board of Directors, were also present.

In the absence of Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who had just left for Europe on a special mission for United Nations, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director. On motion made by Mr. Haas, duly seconded, and unanimously carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams serve as temporary chairman.

On motion made by Dr. Hancock and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of October 9 be dispensed with, inasmuch as copies had been sent to all members. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF MISS CLAY

Dr. Johnson told the committee that it was with a great deal of regret that he had to present the formal resignation of Miss Clay. He read her letter of resignation to the committee, after which there were words of praise from members of the committee and from visiting board members for Miss Clay's splendid service during her 20 years with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and 3 years with the Southern Regional Council as it's Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Johnson stated that it would be hard to find any two people who could take her place. It was the desire of the committee that a token of appreciation from the board and staff be presented to Miss Clay for devoted service, at the annual meeting. It was decided that Mrs. Havens, Miss Wilkins, and Dr. Clement serve as a committee to approach the board and staff for contributions toward the gift; that Mrs. Havens and Miss Wilkins purchase the gift; and that Msgr. McNamara present the gift at the annual meeting. On motion duly seconded and carried,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the resignation of Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, be accepted with regret.

Dr. Johnson told the Executive Committee that Miss Clay's name was being suggested to the Nominating Committee for board membership.

FINANCES

Dr. Johnson briefly gave the committee some general information concerning the status of the Budget of SRC. A complete report was not available, he stated, as the books were at the auditor's and had not yet been returned. He stated that the Council will have spent by the end of December between $62,000 and $64,000, and has received about $60,000. This will mean that there will be a deficit at the end of the year of between $2,000 and $3,000. He stated that he had written Dr. Will Alexander, Chairman of the Finance Committee, about this, and he has advised that we not ask the Rosenwald Fund to make up the deficit. Dr. Alexander also said in his letter that he did not think it wise to approach the Carnegie Corporation, to underwrite a deficit, but that it would be in order to approach them for an appropriation next year; that it would be best for us to ask the General Education Board to underwrite the deficit as soon as we know what it will be.

In discussing the finances and the deficit for the year, members of the committee suggested that some private individuals might be asked to contribute toward a fund to wipe out the deficit. Dr. Clement stated he felt that the board members and members of SRC would be glad to give more to the Council's work if approached to make contributions. The point was made that a large proportion of income should come from members and small contributors. Dr. Johnson stated that the first year the Council was organized, 90% of the budget was foundation grants, but that now 2/5 of the income is from members, church groups, etc. Miss Wilkins suggested that she felt it would be a good idea if there were a frank discussion of finances at the meeting of members. On motion duly seconded and carried,

4. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. F. D. Patterson present the financial picture concerning the Council's budget and lead discussion at the membership meeting on November 13. It was decided that the logical time for this presentation was right after Miss Clay's financial report.

Since the Finance Committee, composed of Dr. Alexander, Chairman, Mr. L. D. Milton, Mr. Wilson M. Brown, and Dr. Odum, has not functioned - only one meeting having been held since the organization of the Council - suggestion was made that the present Finance Committee hold a meeting, or a new committee be appointed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT MEMBERSHIPS

Dr. Johnson stated that requests had been received from couples who wished joint membership in the council and that the staff would like to suggest that the by-laws be amended to permit joint memberships of husband and wife at $3.00 annual dues. On motion, duly seconded and carried,

5. IT WAS VOTED to recommend to the annual meeting that joint memberships in the Southern Regional Council be established hereafter for husband and wife (provided that one mailing address is used) and that dues for such memberships be $3.00 a year.

FELLOWS

Dr. Johnson told the committee that according to the By-laws, the Fellows in the Council serve for two-year appointments, and stated he would like to recommend that those Fellows who are willing to serve further be reappointed for another two years. On motion duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that he had felt very strongly the need of having a conference of the Honorary Fellows of the Council, and that he went to see Dr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board, which had appropriated the funds to make such a meeting possible. Such a conference, he announced, is to be held on November 14-15 right after the annual meeting at Atlanta University. He stated that he felt this group, which numbers 42, should be increased to at least 100 alert young people.

PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR

Dr. Johnson outlined the program for the coming year and asked authorization that major emphasis be put on the following:

(1) Law enforcement, (2) police training, and (3) prevention of violence.

He stated that under this plan, the Georgia women's group on prevention of lynching has already been revived and work has been started on a manual for training of policemen in dealing with minorities, which can be ready in the next couple of months. The plan is to get it into the hands of the police departments; hold three or four institutes over the South on law enforcement, bringing in some of the sheriffs, police chiefs, FBI, etc.

In the discussion which followed concerning this proposed program, it was brought out that the Council, in order to carry on an expanded program, should have three or four full time field workers.

Dr. Patterson expressed the need for good practical education on the effects of the extension of the franchise and the desire that the Council in working through its State Committees accept that as one of its major responsibilities for 1947. After discussion, on motion, seconded and carried,

7. IT WAS VOTED that a pamphlet be developed and published by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups, and that such a pamphlet include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

On motion, duly seconded and carried,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Council urge the state units and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

In the discussion concerning the program of the Council for 1947, the question was raised as to whether the Veterans Project would be continued. Dr. Mitchell stated that he had not asked for more money to continue that program because it seemed to him that the job is, in a good measure, done. Suggestion was made that it would be wise to develop a statistical article on the status of Negro veterans, showing how many went into the Army, the number released, number receiving educational benefits, college training, farm training, etc. and put it into the hands of various groups. Dr. Hancock stated that he felt that the Veterans project should not be discontinued entirely. Dr. Clement made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried -

9. IT WAS VOTED that in the program for the coming year major emphasis be placed on the following fields: (1) law enforcement, (2) police training, and (3) prevention of violence -- with the understanding that the Veterans Program might also be continued, depending upon the decision reached by a Committee, composed of the President, the Executive Director, and Dr. Mitchell.

Dr. Johnson announced that Mr. Turner Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the U. S. Department of Justice, has been asked to speak at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on "The Federal Government and Civil Rights". There had been no publicity, he stated, in connection with this, as the matter had to be cleared with the Attorney General, and final word had not been received. The Chairman stated that the executive is to be commended for securing such a person to speak.

Sample copies of the pamphlet Let's Pull Together, Kentuckians! were given to the Committee members. This report is a condensation of the report of the Kentucky Commission on Negro Affairs, of which Mr. Tydings was chairman. Suggestion was made that these pamphlets be sent to all the Southern governors. Mr. Tydings told the group that copies of the original report were sent to all the governors by Governor Willis of Kentucky, and that probably Governor Willis would also send this report to them.

Continuing with staff recommendations, Dr. Johnson announced that the name of Mrs. Inez B. Tillison was being suggested as a nominee for Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Miss Clay and that the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, be left vacant for the time being, until we can line up a suitable person to take that place.

DR. JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Johnson told the Committee he wished to make an announcement which would be confidential until the Committee decided what action to take, namely, that he had decided to go back to Chapel Hill and would be leaving the Council sometime during 1947. He stated that when he accepted the position of Executive Director of the Council he felt that he was filling an emergency, since no one else had been found for the job. He felt that his main job was to get the Council going, and now that the work was going smoothly he believed it was time to step aside and let someone else carry on. He added that the work is very strenuous for a person who is not gifted with abundant energy and that he had a selfish motive in part, in wanting to return to a less strenuous occupation. Mr. Williams said he was willing to overlook the small shortcomings Dr. Johnson feels he has in favor of the very fine qualities which everyone knows him to have--patience, kindness, loyalty, etc. He said he felt that Dr. Johnson's work would have more permanency and eventual good than another person who was spectacular and flashy, and that he had hoped he would consider remaining indefinitely. Dr. Johnson said that the decision to return to the University of North Carolina was so recent that the exact date of his leaving had not been settled, but that he would not leave earlier than March 1. As soon as the date was arranged he would let the Executive Committee know, but in the meantime he wanted the Committee to know of his decision.

Members of the Committee commented on how fine an executive Dr. Johnson is, his tremendous range of memory and knowledge of the field and his perseverance.

The suggestion was made that Dr. Johnson's announcement not be considered a resignation, as Dr. Johnson does not know the exact date on which he may leave, but that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board renominate him to serve for another year, with the understanding that if he does leave during 1947 he would notify the board in time to find a successor.

Attention was called to the Section in the By-laws which reads: "....Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee..." There was discussion as to whether it would be better not to pass the information on to the Board and members about the possibility of Dr. Johnson's leaving the Council next year. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion that there might be some criticism of the committee if the information were not conveyed to the Board and members.

On motion made by Miss Wilkins, duly seconded and carried,

10. IT WAS VOTED that recommendation be made to the Board that Dr. Guy B. Johnson serve as Executive Director for the ensuing year, Dr. Harold Trigg, as Associate Executive Director, Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison as Secretary-Treasurer (with the understanding that Dr. Johnson may withdraw sometime during the year.)

On motion made by Msgr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Haas, and unanimously carried,

11. IT WAS VOTED that on the occasion of the withdrawal of Miss Clay and Dr. Johnson from their offices with the Southern Regional Council the Resolutions Committee draw up suitable resolutions for the minutes.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

May 30, 1944

Dear Council Member:

At a special meeting in Atlanta on April 28 the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council set up several standing committees of the Council. I am authorized by Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Council, to ask the following members to serve on the Committee on Finance:

* W. W. Alexander, Chairman, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
* Wilson H. Brown, Richmond, Virginia
* Charles S. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee
* Walter Matherly, Gainesville, Florida
* L. D. Milton, Atlanta, Georgia

The function of this Committee is to "have general supervision over the budget, auditing of the accounts, and the securing of funds to finance the program of the Council." As soon as we have had acceptances we shall make plans for the first meeting of the Committee.

I trust that you will be willing to accept this appointment. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

* accepted (see letters)

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May 31, 1944.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I shall be pleased to serve on the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council as designated in your letter of May 30, 1944.

I expect to be out of town until June 5th, but will be available for a meeting after that date.

Cordially yours,

L. D. Milton,
President.

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June 1, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710, Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Replying to your favor of May 30th,

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee on Finance.

Cordially yours,

Wilson M. Brown

Wilson M. Brown

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 1, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In reply to your letter of May 30, I shall be glad to serve on the Committee on Finance of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Yours truly,

Walter J. Matherly

Walter J. Matherly, Dean

WJM:fm

Edwin R. Embree
President

Dorothy A. Elvidge
Secretary and Comptroller

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO 15, ILLINOIS

Will W. Alexander
Charles S. Johnson
Directors for Race Relations

Fred G. Wale
Director for Rural Education

William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships

June 2, 1944

My dear Doctor Johnson: I shall be very glad to accept the place on the Committee on Finance of the Southern Regional Council indicated in your letter of May 30. I am not sure how effective I can be but I am at least willing to do what I can.

Very truly yours,

Will W. Alexander

WWA:SO

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENN.

June 6, 1944

Dear Guy Johnson: I will be very glad to serve on the finance committee of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Johnson

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

July 6, 1944

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville, 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have been away from the office and this is my first opportunity to reply to your letter of June 30. I am reasonably sure that we can change the date of the Finance Committee meeting from July 22 to July 23. I shall let you know definitely as soon as I have replies from some telegrams which I have sent out.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
NASHVILLE, 8, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

June 30, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am just returning to my office to find your memorandum of the 20th with regard to the first meeting of the Finance Committee. Since our Institute of Race Relations will be closing on the evening of the 21st, the 22nd will be rather close for me. The 23rd or 24th would be somewhat more comfortable. Or would this change inconvenience Dr. Alexander?

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

July 11, 1944

Dr. Will W. Alexander
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Dr. Alexander:

After canvassing the members of the Committee on Finance on the question of changing the date of the Committee meeting from July 22 to July 23, I find that it seems advisable to let the July 22 date stand. It may be that if Charles Johnson can get here for the afternoon of July 22 we can hold the meeting then instead of in the morning, but unless you hear from me further, you may assume that the meeting will begin at 10 A. M. on Saturday, July 22.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

MEMORANDUM ON MEETING OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building, Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1944

The following members of the Committee were present: Will W. Alexander, Chairman, L. D. Milton, Walter J. Matherly, Howard W. Odum, with Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, and Emily H. Clay from the Council's staff.

Before the main business of the meeting was reached, Dr. Odum reported that he had just had a conference with a business man here in Atlanta who is greatly interested in having a study made of slum clearance and housing, including rural housing, "on a south-wide basis, with pretty fair sampling." It was suggested, Dr. Odum said, that we take perhaps two states of the South - say, North Carolina and Georgia - to show that it is a south-wide and not a local problem. The idea would be to get an appropriation for the Council, which would undertake to make the study under the direction and sponsorship of such an organization as the Institute for Research in Social Science of the University of North Carolina and advisory members from various Southern universities. The study should not only be south-wide in scope, but should cover both Negro and white slum clearance and housing. Dr. Odum called attention to the fact that such a study would fit into the program of the Council - a program of research, and then action.

Dr. Alexander said that the General Education Board had intimated that this Council should be tied in very closely with the universities of the South, that they are interested in having the universities work on such practical things as this and in the Council's having this kind of help. Dr. Alexander expressed the opinion that the GEB would be willing to give assistance to such a study.

Dr. Odum reported that "the enthusiast" with whom he talked said that it was his idea to have an advisory committee, composed of such men as Dr. J. R. McCain of Agnes Scott College, Dr. Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta University, and Dr. Goodrich White of Emory University. In answer to an inquiry from Dr. Reid, Dr. Odum revealed that Mr. C. F. Palmer is the business man with whom he had the conference relative to the study. He urged the Committee, however, to keep this information in confidence for the time being. Mr. Palmer, he said, wants the facts first, and then he would like to have someone like Bromfield to dramatize the story. Dr. Odum was convinced that, if we can present a good plan, Mr. Palmer will be enthusiastic over having the Council make the study.

The question of whether the samplings would be made only in Georgia and North Carolina or for the entire South was raised by Dr. Alexander. Dr. Odum replied that he would prefer a wide sampling. Dean Matherly suggested a sampling of rural housing and then of several selected cities in the South. Dr. Odum was of the opinion that it would not be necessary to have more than four states represented, which would give us eight samplings.

Dr. Odum asked Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reid to send to him by August 5 any suggestions which they might have for the study, after which he and Dr. Gordon Blackwell of the Institute would work out a plan to be presented to Mr. Palmer.

Dean Matherly spoke of the interest of the Sloan Foundation and asked whether members of the committee knew what the Foundation's plans are in the field of slum clearance and housing. He said he knew that they were especially interested in rural housing. Dean Matherly was asked to find out something about Sloan's plans.

Dr. Johnson asked how large an advisory committee would be necessary. Dr. Odum replied that it would be his idea to have an Advisory Research Committee on Housing, composed of representatives from the states in which the samplings will be made.

A report of the financial status of the Council as of June 30 was presented by the Treasurer, showing the anticipated income for 1944 as $42,883.69 and the estimated expense for the year as $44,000. A summary of the report is as follows:

Total estimated expense- 1944	$ 44,000.00
Total estimated income- 1944	42,883.69
Estimated amount needed to balance budget	$ 1,116.31

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Postage transferred from Commission		$ 8.69
Total Income- January 1-June 30		18,060.75
		18,069.44
Actual expense- January 1-June 30	$ 13,251.78	
Balance in Air Line Account	425.00	
Balance in Postage Account	79.17	13,755.95
Actual Balance July 1, 1944		$ 4,313.49

The Treasurer reported that financial support is expected this year from the following church boards:

American Missionary Association	$ 1,000.00
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Missions, Woman's Work, The Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Education, The Methodist Church	100.00

Dr. Alexander asked whether we were assured of these appropriations. Miss Clay replied that last year the Methodist Board of Missions voted an appropriation of $1,000 to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation for the current fiscal year, knowing that plans for a new organization were being developed. This appropriation, therefore, is assured. She said that we were not sure of the $1,000 from the women's board, but that we had been informed that there was a possibility of our receiving that amount, or at least the amount of the latest appropriation to the Commission, which was $830. She reported that Dr. R. L. Russell had expressed the belief that a larger amount than $100 could be secured from the Methodist Board of Education if the proper approach were made. We have Dr. Charles Johnson's verbal assurance of an appropriation of $1,000 from the American Missionary Association, she said, although this has not yet been confirmed.

Dr. Alexander said that he would talk with Dr. Charles Johnson about the AMA appropriation.

Dr. Reid asked whether it would be well to make overtures to the Society of Friends, in view of their growing interest in this field. It was agreed that the American Friends Service Committee should be approached, through their official

Mr. Clarance Pickett, and Dr. Reid was asked to have a conference with Mr. Pickett at the earliest opportunity. Dr. Alexander said that if Mr. Pickett would like to talk with him about it he would be glad to arrange to meet him.

Mr. Milton said that he thought the colored churches would be glad to make contributions to the Council. He was asked to bring in suggestions as to how to go about getting financial support from the Negro churches, particularly the A.M.E., A.M.E. Zion, and C.M.E.. He was asked, also, to find out how we might get some support from the Negro Baptists.

Dean Matherly asked what the prospects were for getting financial assistance from the Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. It was agreed that an approach should be made to this church, and Dr. Alexander was asked to see Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, the Presiding Bishop, at the earliest opportunity.

Dr. Johnson suggested that it might be a good idea to have Dr. Reid call on Mr. Fred L. Brownlee of the American Missionary Association when he is in New York a little later. Dr. Alexander said he thought it would be a good idea, and Dr. Reid was asked to arrange a conference with Mr. Brownlee.

Dr. Odum was asked to make some inquiries about our getting financial support from the Baptists.

Dr. Alexander suggested that a list of the women's church boards be made and that Miss Fisher be asked to confer with the heads of these boards for the purpose of getting appropriations.

Dr. Alexander said he thought some of the Jewish organizations would be interested in making contributions. He spoke of an appropriation made recently to the American Council on Education for the expense of a study of textbooks and said he was sure that we could get some support, also. He suggested that we start with the Southern Jewish organizations and that we talk with Mr. Haas and other Jewish members of the Council relative to the best approach. Dean Matherly suggested that some inquiry be made, also, with reference to the B'nai B'rith Clubs.

Dr. Alexander asked what should be done about obtaining some aid from the Catholics, and Dr. Odum said he thought that we should talk with Bishop Gerald O'Hara and get his advice as to the best approach. It was suggested that we make it clear to Bishop O'Hara that it isn't primarily a question of money, but of participation.

It was Dr. Odum's opinion that an effort should be made to enlarge the Council's membership, which would bring in more money and also strengthen the organization. He said that some people who had not been invited to membership felt that the Council was a sort of "closed shop." Dean Matherly suggested that the Membership Committee or this office scrutinize the various states, with the idea of finding a nucleus of from 50 to 100 influential people in each state who would become members of the Council. He thought that this would be very worth while in bringing in good will, even though it might not bring in much money. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reid were asked to work out a plan for enlarging the membership.

Mr. Milton said he thought that the membership fee of $1.00 is too low. He suggested that members be urged to make contributions in addition.

Dr. Johnson said that he had been thinking of requesting each member of the Council to send in nominations. Dr. Alexander said that in doing this he thought we should be very careful to specify the kind of people we would like to have as members. Dr. Johnson suggested that we might have two kinds of member-

ships - active and contributing.

Dr. Odum said that he planned to write Mr. Embree to ask whether the Council might have the royalties on his book RACE AND RUMORS OF RACE, which was sponsored by the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Dr. Odum raised the question of an approach to International Rotary. Dean Matherly said that the International organization of Rotary would be vitally interested, but that they might not want to commit themselves on account of their constituent units in the South. Dean Matherly was asked to explore Rotary and find out the best approach.

Dr. Alexander said he thought that some money could be had from the Unions. He raised the question of getting contributions from the CIO, the AFL, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers. Dean Matherly suggested that we might approach 6 or 8 or 10 of the Unions of the South. It was agreed, however, that it would not be advisable to approach the CIO Political Action Committee, but that we might make an effort to get support from the several labor organizations. Frank McCallister, Charles Gillman, and George Googe were suggested as persons with whom to confer relative to the best approach to the Unions. Dr. Alexander said that he would be glad to get advice from Clint Goldwin as to how to proceed.

Dean Matherly asked whether it would be possible to have the national organizations give support through local unions, rather than directly. Dr. Reid said that he would prefer to have the support come directly from the over-all organizations of CIO and AFL, as there are some local organizations from which we could not accept a contribution; for instance, the local steel workers' unions in the South, since they discriminate against Negroes. Dr. Reid was asked to draw up a plan for approaching the labor movement for support.

Dr. Odum asked whether we should attempt to get a relatively large number of individuals to contribute rather heavily to the Council. Dr. Alexander said that he would like to see the Council attempt to raise $25,000 from individuals in the South, state by state. He said he thought, for instance, that Mr. Dent and Mr. Stern in New Orleans could raise a good sum of money for us in Louisiana. He proposed that we set up in each state a committee, composed of one white and one colored Council member, to go to the white and colored people of the state with an appeal for contributions. He said that Dr. Charles Johnson thought it would be a good plan to select two people from each state and have them meet together for the purpose of helping them to work out plans. Dr. Alexander said that he would be glad to work with such a group.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that in Virginia people like Dr. Gordon Hancock, Mr. Virginius Dabney, and Mr. P. B. Young are all active in the Virginia Interracial Commission and that they are now making a desperate effort to raise funds for that work.

Mr. Milton said that he would like to see the whole movement financed in the South. Dean Matherly concurred in this opinion and said he thought the South should say that it is our problem and we propose to support it. He said that if we are going after these contributions there is an element of emergency that is important. Due to the income tax law, gifts do not mean so much to the individual as they did formerly, he said. Assuming that we are approaching the beginning of the end of the war, the situation might change radically, so now is the time to strike.

Dean Matherly called attention to the fact that in the past 20 years there has been a large number of northern corporations whose plants have been located in the South. He suggested that contributions might be made through the southern branches to the Council. Dr. Alexander reported that most of the money for the United Negro College Fund was raised from corporations, such as the International Harvester Company, Sears-Roebuck, and others. He said that he would be willing to talk with the International Harvester people to find whether they will make a contribution and to get their advice as to the best way to approach other corporations.

Dean Matherly suggested that we make a list of, say, 100 corporations that are represented in the South and work out a method of approach. He thought that it might be well to make an attack from both ends — go to the head office in the North, as well as to the local representative in the South.

Mr. Milton expressed the opinion that we should set out to raise a larger budget. He said that he thought we should go back to the Council members who paid only $1.00 and ask for contributions.

Dean Matherly remarked that one person's time would be required for the kind of financial campaign that is needed. He was in favor of having the campaign directed by an individual, rather than a professional money-raising organization.

SEC Com on Finance

October 17, 1945

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Route 3
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

The schedule for our annual meeting is as follows:

November 13, 10:00 A. M. - Executive Committee meeting
November 13, 2:00 P. M. - Board of Directors
November 14, 10:00 A. M. - Annual Meeting of Members

As you see, this makes a crowded schedule. We need to call the standing committees before the annual meeting. I have approached a couple of the chairmen about coming to Atlanta for committee meetings this month, but they say they just can't do it, so we have scheduled two of the committees for the evening of November 13th. I imagine you would feel the same way about making an extra trip to Atlanta. However, if you can make it early in November, let me know what day you can come and I will call the Committee on Finance. The only alternative seems to be to hold a meeting sometime on Monday, November 12. If you would prefer that, please let me know and we'll schedule the committee for that day.

Just after you talked to me on the phone the other day about the Florida lynching I called Mrs. Havens in Jacksonville. I wired Mr. Turner L. Smith urging him to investigate the case, since it appeared that the officers were guilty of gross neglect if not actual collusion with the lynchers. Mrs. Havens said that there would also be some telegrams from Florida to the Civil Rights Unit in Washington.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:IBT

Copy sent c/o Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

November 5, 1945

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In behalf of Dr. W. W. Alexander, Chairman of the Council's Committee on Finance, I wish to notify you that the Committee will meet at Council headquarters November 13 at 8:30 P. M.

I trust that you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter written to-
Mr. Wilson M. Brown
Mr. L. D. Milton
Copy sent to Dr. Alexander.

Odum

Southern Regional Council, Inc. 1946
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Dear Member:

This is just a note to remind you about your Southern Regional Council dues. Your 1946 dues have not yet been paid!

Won't you please let us have your check for $2.00 covering your 1946 dues before the end of the year? We hope also that each member will make a contribution toward the work of the Council, not only because the money will help us meet a deficit which we are facing, but also because it will signify that we continue to have your confidence and support.

Please use the attached self-addressed envelope and the form below to send your dues and contribution.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I enclose dues for 1946 .....$2.00
I enclose additional contribution of ...$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (check ___cash____) $_____

Address as shown above is correct _____.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

December 5, 1946

Dear Member:

This is just a note to remind you about your Southern Regional Council dues. On checking our files, we find that your dues have not been paid for two years.

Our Board has ruled that names of members whose dues have not been paid after two years will be stricken from the rolls. I am sure that you will want to continue your membership in the Council, as we need your support now more than ever. Won't you please let us have your check for $3.00, covering 1945 dues of $1.00 and 1946 dues of $2.00, before the end of the year.

We shall be happy to receive also any additional contribution you feel you can send. This will not only help us meet a deficit which we are facing the end of this year, but also, it will signify that we continue to have your confidence and support.

Please use the attached self-addressed envelope and the form below to send your dues and contribution.

Cordially yours,

Inez B. Tillison

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

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Atlanta 3, Ga.

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TOTAL ENCLOSED (check____Cash____).....$_____

Address as shown above is correct_____.

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 14, 1945

As Revised

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Regular Wed. in Nov. or that within 60-days

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, as it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members,

provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The President, the Vice President, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and three Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on

matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary,and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice President. Each additional Vice President, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia. "

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

July 5, 1944

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Agricultural Experiment Station
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Duncan:

We hope that the annual meeting of the Council members and of the Board of Directors can be completed on Wednesday, October 11. The details have not been worked out, but the Board will probably meet at 10 A. M. and the members in the afternoon and evening. There is a possibility that the Board will need to meet again just after the meeting of members, and this might mean that Board members would be asked to remain another day. However, at the latest, everything should be over on the afternoon of Thursday, October 12.

I hope that this meeting is not going to interfere with your Gatlinburg conference.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

June 30, 1944

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Your letter of June 26 has reached our office during Dr. Johnson's absence from the city. He will return early next week, and I am sure he will send you the dates of the Board of Directors meeting at his earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Jane T. Martin
Secretary to Dr. Johnson

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
STILLWATER

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE

June 26, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In previous correspondence it has been suggested that the Board of Directors of the Council will meet the second Wednesday in October.

As soon as it can be determined, I should like to know exactly the overall dates of this meeting, i.e. when it will close as well as when it begins. The reason I need to know this as early as possible is that another meeting which I expect to attend which will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee is being arranged, and I hope the two can be so timed that I can go from Atlanta to Gatlinburg without having to return home between the two meetings.

There is no thought of changing the date of your meeting but rather of fixing the date of the Gatlinburg conference so it will either immediately follow or precede yours.

I shall appreciate receiving this information as soon as your convenience permits.

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan

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GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRA DEA. REID
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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SECRETARY-TREASURER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Council, to be held on Wednesday, December 6, 1944.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

November 11, 1944

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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ROOM 432 63 AUBURN AVE ATLA=

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WILL W ALEXANDER.

SRC.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

TO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A few days ago I wrote you reminding you of the meeting of the Board of Directors at Atlanta on January 31.

This letter is in the way of urging you to attend if it is at all possible. In addition to the routine matters, it is very important that we discuss at length some of the fundamental issues at stake. Mr. Francis R. Bridges and Dean Walter Matherly have sent in their resignations and they have stated their positions clearly, frankly, and fairly. It is likely that there will be other resignations and it seems to me important for us to have a good conference together with some such democratic Americanism exemplified as we had in our last meeting.

The South is as it is and it is the only South we have. The nation is as it is and it is the only America that we have. Crises are emerging and emergencies are multiplying. I have been one of those who insisted that we should not have conferences and travel in these days except when necessary. This meeting, however, seems to be worthy of all that we could put in it. We must get together in some sort of strategy worthy of our opportunity.

It is likely that trains will be late and that some of you will not arrive until about noon. However, it seems best to begin promptly at 10:30 if there is a quorum, so that routine committee reports can be disposed of before noon. The more important matters will come in the afternoon.

Let us see what is the best we can do on the thirty-first.

Cordially yours,

Howard W. Odum

HOWARD W. ODUM
President

Chapel Hill, N. C.
January 15, 1945

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Dear Board Member:

For your information I send the following material relative to Honorary Fellows of the Council: (1) a list of the Fellows as of February 1, 1945, (2) a copy of the memorandum which is sent to each Fellow when he is notified of his election, and (3) a copy of the form which the Fellow fills in and returns to us when he accepts.

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

Atlanta
February 12, 1945

HONORARY FELLOWS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

William Y. Bell, Jr.
Room 4, 158 Auburn Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss T. Ruth Brett
Box 76, Whittier Hall
1230 Amsterdam Avenue
New York 27, New York

J. H. Daves
409 Bankers' Trust Building
TVA Knoxville, Tennessee

Miss Dorothy Dickins
Mississippi Experiment Station
State College, Mississippi

The Rev. Jerome A. Drolet
St. Matthias Church
3924 General Taylor Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

S. E. Duncan
Washington High School
Reidsville, North Carolina

Merl Eppse
Tennessee A. & T. College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

E. Horace Fitchett
Claflin College
Orangeburg, S.C.

Margaret Fletcher
St. Mary's House
930 Walker Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

John Hope Franklin
North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Miss Eva L. Frazer
121 East South Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Miss Josephine Hamilton
Chattanooga High School
East Third Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Captain Robert M. Hughes
Lawson General Hospital
Atlanta, Georgia

R. E. Jones
A. & T. College, Box 68
Greensboro, N. C.

Howard Kester
Frogmore Post Office
St. Helena Island, S. C.

Roscoe E. Lewis
Box 101
Hampton Institute, Va.

Miss Flemmie Kittrell
Home Economics Department
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald
315 Pittsboro Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Miss Mildred Mell
344 Kirk Road
Decatur, Georgia

W. H. Pipes
P. O. Box 71, Southern University
Scotlandville, La.

John F. Potts
Chief Specialist (R) USNR
1410 Pine Street
Columbia, S. C.

Charles A. Ray
Box 628, North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Ettrick, Virginia

Asa T. Spaulding
North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Allyn Robinson, Jr.
The United Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

Lt. Vernon Wharton USNR
1017 Foucher
New Orleans 15, La.

G. D. Wilson
3344 Grand Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky

The Following Have Declined Honorary Fellowships

Mrs. Frederick Bolman
Randolph Macon College
Lynchburg, Va.

John Ivey
Com. on Southern Regional
Studies and Education
Knoxville, Tenn.

Robert H. Sutherland
Univ. of Texas
Austin, Texas

The Following Have Not Been Heard From

Charles Jones
Presbyterian Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

H. I. Fontellio Nanton
State Board of Health
Raleigh, N. C.

G. E. Jones
Shaw University
Raleigh, N. C.

Ernest Neal
Specialist in Race Relations
Southwestern Office, OPA
Dallas, Texas

R. W. Mance
Columbia, S. C.

George Snowden
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

John W. Morgan
Professor of Social Science
Georgia State College for Women
Milledgeville, Ga.

Stephen Wright
North Carolina College
Durham, N. C.

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TO
HONORARY FELLOWS
OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Purpose of the Fellowships

The purpose of these Honorary Fellowships is set forth in the by-laws of the SRC as follows:

> ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

The Fellowships, then, offer an opportunity for mutual assistance. As a Fellow, you can help the Council in its program of social interpretation and social action. The Council can help you to gain experience and greater maturity in techniques of leadership. We believe that the cumulative efforts of one hundred young Southerners who are willing to do the little chores in local situations can contribute a great deal to the realization of democracy in the South.

The Southern Regional Council Program

The Council's main objects are to promote "the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South" and "to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region." Some immediate problems which the Council wishes to work on are: (1) inclusion of the interests of all citizens in the post-war plans which are now being made; (2) full employment after the

war; (3) fair standards and wages in domestic service; (4) suffrage reform in the South; (5) equalization of school facilities and teachers' salaries; (6) the police and race tensions; (7) housing for low-income groups.

The techniques for working on these problems include: (1) educational work through pamphlets, press, radio, addresses, etc; (2) cooperation with other agencies and use of coordinated organizational influences; (3) personal influence upon key people, such as editors, employers, mayors, chiefs of police, governors, legislators, congressmen, etc; (4) public statements or appeals by groups of influential citizens; (5) constructive political action wherever possible.

How Fellows Can Help

As a Fellow you can help the Council and serve the cause of a better South in various ways. Here are some suggestions:

1. Write us regularly, reporting on trends, incidents, and problems in your local area. We want to discover and advertise good practices as well as combat bad practices. And, of course, we want to know about your own activities in behalf of a more democratic South.

2. Make special investigations. From time to time we might ask you to obtain further details about some situation in your area. For example, we might ask you to investigate a lynching or a prevented lynching, a local health situation, or a progressive community project.

3. Help us make public opinion polls. We hope to develop a system of making reliable surveys of public opinion by sampling.

4. Send us clippings from local papers -- news stories, editorials, letters to the editor relating to the South and Southern problems. We have a clipping service, but it does not give us a complete coverage.

5. Help us to find persons who would make good members of the Council or who might contribute substantially to the financial support of the Council.

6. Stimulate the organization of a local Interracial Committee or Council of Human Relations. If such an organization already exists, try to put new life into it.

7. Make it your task to "educate" one or more public officials or other influential persons to a better understanding of the Negro and of the social, economic, and political issues confronting the South.

8. Write brief articles for SOUTHERN FRONTIER, the Council's monthly paper, and help us to find other contributors to the FRONTIER.

9. Enlist in our Speakers' Bureau. We get many more invitations to speak than our staff and budget can accommodate. It will greatly facilitate our work if we can call upon Fellows to speak in their local areas in so far as their time permits. We will supply literature, exhibit material, film strips, etc., on various subjects.

10. Advise us freely on what the Council might do to improve its program and strategy.

Naturally no one is expected to do all of these things, but we hope that from this list you will select one or more types of activities which you pledge yourself to carry on to the best of your ability.

Direction and Supervision of Fellows

The Council's Committee on Fellows selects the Fellows and decides upon matters of general policy affecting them. The personnel of the Committee is as follows: President Goodrich C. White, Emory University, and Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Co-Chairmen; George S. Mitchell, Atlanta; Dean T. S. Staples, Conway, Arkansas; James T. Taylor, Durham, North Carolina; Clark Foreman, Black Mountain, North Carolina; and President Horace Mann Bond, Fort Valley, Georgia. However, the Executive Directors of the Council will be in direct charge of the activities of the Fellows, and all routine correspondence by Fellows should be addressed to Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director, or Ira De A. Reid, Associate Executive Director, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. We hope eventually to have a staff member who can devote a good part of his time to work with Fellows.

As the work of the Fellows develops, we want to issue a regular mimeographed bulletin which will serve as a clearing-house for ideas and activities of Fellows. Furthermore, we plan to hold an annual conference of Fellows as soon as our budget permits. Although the Council's budget at present does not permit the payment of regular stipends to Fellows, it will reimburse Fellows for expenses incurred in connection with specific assignments done at our request.

Please return this sheet to:

Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

HOW FELLOWS CAN SERVE THE COUNCIL

I accept appointment as Honorary Fellow of the Southern Regional Council, and I want to assist the Council in the ways which I have indicated below:

	(Check)		(Check)
1. Regular reports	____	6. Work with local Human Relations groups	____
2. Special investigations	____	7. Personal contacts and "education"	____
3. Public opinion polls	____	8. Writing for the SOUTHERN FRONTIER	____
4. Newspaper clippings	____	9. Speakers' Bureau	____
5. Finding members and supporters for SRC	____		

10. Advice on SRC program ____

(Please double check the item which you expect to make your major activity as a Fellow.)

My place of work is: _____

_____

My mailing address is: _____

_____

My residence address is: _____

_____

My telephone number is: Home _____

Office_____

Date _____ SIGNED _____

Board

February 23, 1945

Dr. Jacob L. Reddix, President
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Reddix:

Thank you for your letter of February 19. We are sorry that you were unable to get to the Council Board meeting on January 31, but we quite understand how difficult it is to attend meetings these days. Of the 52 members of the Board, only about 35 were able to get to the meeting.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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JACKSON COLLEGE
FOR NEGRO TEACHERS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1945.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
The Southerner Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I regret very much that I was not able to attend the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council. I fully planned to attend, but matters here at the College developed so that I could not be away on the day the meeting was held. I understand that Mr. Willcoxon of Vicksburg, Mississippi, attended the meeting and represented Mississippi. I regret very much that I did not attend this meeting; as I missed the other meeting because my plane reservation was cancelled to Atlanta. I hope that you will not feel that there is any lack of interest on my part in the program of the Southern Regional Council. I will appreciate having you notify me of any future meetings, and I shall look forward to attending the next meeting of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob L. Reddix
President

JLR:rkj

Board

March 2, 1945

Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
421 South Second Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Clingman:

We are happy to have your acceptance of membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. If there is any specially called meeting of the Board before the regular October meeting we shall send you a notice in plenty of time.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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RT. REV. CHARLES CLINGMAN
421 SOUTH SECOND STREET
LOUISVILLE 2, KY.

February 28, 1945.

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have just received your letter of February 26th informing me of my election to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I accept this election and shall be happy to be of such service as I can.

I note that the annual meeting of the Council itself is to be held on the second Wednesday of October and that the Board of Directors' meeting will be on the preceding day, both meetings to be in Atlanta. I have made a note of these meetings in my schedule of engagements and am planning to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Clingman

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June 26, 1945

TO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Executive Committee has voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Charles H. Gillman be elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Mr. Edmund Preston, and has instructed us to poll the Board of Directors by mail.

Mr. Gillman, who lives in Atlanta, is Southern Director of CIO. He is a charter member of the Council and has always taken an active interest in Council affairs. We believe he would make an excellent member of the Executive Committee.

Will you kindly mark the enclosed ballot and return it to us at your earliest convenience?

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Enclosure

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

On the question of the election of Mr. Charles H. Gillman to the Executive Committee, I vote:

YES_____ NO_____

Date_____ Signed_____
Board Member

SRC Bd. Mem.

October 4, 1945

Dr. James L. Robb, President
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Athens, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Robb:

I have just received your letter of October 2. I am terribly sorry to hear of your protracted illness, and I regret very much that you must resign as a member of our Board.

In behalf of the Council, I want to express appreciation for your splendid services on the Board. It is good to know that we can count on your continuing interest in the work of the Council.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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JAMES L. ROBB

October 2, 1945

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am in receipt of the announcement sent out by Miss Clay of the annual meeting of the council to be held November 14 with the meeting of the Board on the 13th. I am writing to tender my resignation as a member of the Board. Because of an illness which kept me in bed for several weeks this past summer, the doctor has advised that I curtail my activities and responsibilities as far as possible. For that reason I wish to ask that you choose someone else to serve in my place on the Board.

My interest in the work of the council will continue and I shall be glad to do anything I can to further the objectives which the council has set for itself.

Yours sincerely,

James L. Robb

President

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

RAY WARWICK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

October 24, 1945

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are the official notices of the annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
2 P. M. Tuesday November 13, 1945
Conference Room, Administration Building
Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Members
10 A. M. Wednesday November 14
Exhibition Room, Library Building, Atlanta
University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We hope that you can attend both meetings, and we shall appreciate it if you will fill in and return the accompanying blank as quickly as possible, indicating whether or not we may expect you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

In case you cannot be present, kindly execute the proxy blank which is provided. This is essential, inasmuch as a quorum of "not less than one-fourth of the entire membership" is required for the transaction of business at the member meeting.

If you plan to attend the meetings and wish to have us make your room reservation, please let us know immediately. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board members during the meeting will be defrayed by the Council. An expense blank will be furnished when you register.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

P. S. Some of our members have overlooked paying their 1945 dues, and a few have not paid for the year 1944. If you have not sent your dues, won't you please do so when you return the enclosed blank?

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Please fill in and return promptly to:

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors
at 2 P. M. Tuesday November 13 ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the Board Meeting ---------- _____

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I plan to attend the member meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday
November 14 ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

P R O X Y
for Member Meeting

The undersigned, a member of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., hereby constitutes and appoints Howard W. Odum, Rufus E. Clement, Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and C. H. Gillman, or any one or more of them (with full power to act without the other), or _____, the proxy of the undersigned with full power of substitution to attend a meeting of the members of the Council to be held on Wednesday November 14, 1945, and any adjournment thereof, and to vote on all questions at the Proxy's complete discretion, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at said meeting.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 13, 1945, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 24, 1945

Board

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Miss Emily H.Clay,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta,Ga. 63 Auburn Ae ne

Dear Miss Clay:

It takes two or three weeks to get reservations out of Norfolk these days, so I wish you had been able to send notifications of the Board meeting earlier. There is some chance of my making it by plane. In anticipation of this, I telegraphed you today requesting a room reservation at the Piedmont or Grady -- the latter preferred. Should I be unable to get plane reservations, it will be impossible for me to come to the meeting. In that case I will wire release of hotel room. I am enclosing proxy for use in case I do not show up.

Sincerely,

Louis I. Jaffe

Louis I. Jaffe

Memo that Board meeting was postponed to Sept 19

P. B. YOUNG, PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

TELEPHONE 25319

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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE, Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay: I regret my inability to attend the Board meeting because of the critical illness of Mrs. Young. I had hoped up to today to be able to be there. Enclosed herewith is my proxy which I hope is in time.

Sincerely yours,

P. B. YOUNG, SR.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF STATE TRUSTEE BOARD TODAY AND TOMORROW IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL LETTER FOLLOWS:

=JACOB L REDDIX.

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Board

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RALEIGH

November 16, 1945

Attention BBS

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Check # 41.70
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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing a statement covering the expenses I had in attending the meetings in Atlanta on November 13-14. May I say briefly that I think the meeting just closed was far more encouraging than any that I have attended in the last twenty-five years including of course the old Inter-racial Commission and now the S. R. C. I think Dr. Johnson and others of your staff have a clear mandate now to go ahead particularly with research of vital importance and such action as your Executive Committee may deem wise.

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May I say that as always I was very glad to see you.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

N C Newbold

N. C. NEWBOLD

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Enclosure

SRC Board
membership

November 20, 1945

Accepted verbally -
C-BJ

Rev. Maynard Jackson
451 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rev. Jackson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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I believe that you are somewhat familiar with the purposes and activities of the Council, but in order to bring you up-to-date I am sending you a package of Council publications. The enclosed invitation to membership contains a brief statement about the work of the Council. If there is any further information which you would like to have, won't you please let me know.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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November 20, 1945

SRC Board - Corres.

Commander Frank W. Spencer
A.S.C.E.R.
P. O. Box 136
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Commander Spencer:

I have the pleasure of informing you that at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council last Wednesday afternoon you were elected Second Vice President of the Council. I hope that you will accept this office, and I am sure that we are all looking forward to an opportunity for close association with you in connection with the work of the Council.

As you may know already, Mr. Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Virginia, was elected to the Presidency to succeed Dr. Howard W. Odum. Mr. P. B. Young and Mr. Carter Wesley were reelected First and Third Vice President respectively. As a Vice President you will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The Committee will meet quarterly during 1946. We shall send you the schedule of meetings as soon as it has been settled upon.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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November 20, 1945

SRC Board - Corres.

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 5086
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

I take pleasure in notifying you in behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council that at the meeting of the Board on last Wednesday afternoon you were reelected as Third Vice President. We trust that you will accept reelection and will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Virginia, was elected to the Presidency to succeed Dr. Odum, Mr. P. B. Young, Norfolk, Virginia, was ~~[illegible]~~ First Vice President, and that Commander Frank W. Spencer, of Savannah, Georgia, was elected Second Vice President, succeeding Dr. Homer P. Rainey.

We are terribly sorry that things turned out so that you were unable to get to the meetings last week. We missed you very much. We feel that the annual meeting was highly successful. Many people have remarked that it was the best bi-racial meeting they have ever attended.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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November 20, 1945

Mr. P. B. Young
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I take pleasure in notifying you in behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council that at the meeting of the Board on last Wednesday afternoon you were reelected as First Vice President. We trust that you will accept reelection and will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Virginia, was elected to the Presidency to succeed Dr. Odum, Commander Frank W. Spencer, of Savannah, Georgia, was elected Second Vice President, succeeding Dr. Homer P. Rainey, and Mr. Carter Wesley was reelected Third Vice President.

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All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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SRC Board membership

November 21, 1945

Mr. P. H. Eason
State Department of Education
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Eason:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945 you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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November 23, 1945

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20, 1945, in which you advised me of my re-election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council for a term of four years.

I shall be very happy to serve, of course. My hope is that I can arrange for better attendence and greater contribution in the future than in the past. I have not had sufficient personnel to give me freedom of movement.

I should say, also, that I am heartily in accord with the program of the Southern Regional Council and the way in which the program is being made effective. You have my sincere best wishes.

Very truly yours,

L. D. Milton

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L. D. Milton
President

November 20, 1945

Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Jacob R. Henderson
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 20, 1945, informing me of my having been elected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council for a term of four years beginning with the new year.

I shall be glad to accept service on the Board of Directors. It was my pleasure to attend your last two annual meetings and I think I should say, I was immensely impressed with the action taken at the last one. It appeared to me that a basic foundation for Council action was laid.

You will find enclosed a check for my membership dues for the ensuing year. Wishing the Council continued success in a thankless work, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Henderson

November 20, 1945

Mr. J. R. Henderson
816 Play Lane, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Henderson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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The Delta Democrat-Times

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nov. 26, 1945

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter notifying me of my election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I am happy to accept.

Thanks also for the literature you sent. I had already read some of it, but it is good to have the comprehensive packet.

Sincerely,

Hodding Carter

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Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Since the Council is a relatively young organization, having begun operation in February, 1944, it may be that you are not familiar with its purposes and program. I am, therefore, sending some literature which will serve to acquaint you with the background and purposes of the Council. Let me call your attention especially to pamphlet number one, entitled The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Purpose, and to the leaflet which is inserted therein. The list of Board members which you will find at the end of this pamphlet has been considerably increased. The inclosed invitation to membership contains a brief statement about the work of the Council. If there is any further information which you would like to have, won't you please let me know.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Mrs. Leonard Haas
888 Oakdale Rd., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

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November 26 —

My dear Dr. Johnson,

It was nice of your board to think of Leonard while he was sick. The flowers were lovely. Please let the board know how very much Leonard appreciated their thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Haas

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November 26, 1945

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am grateful for the honor bestowed on me by my election to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I shall be glad to serve to the best of my ability in this capacity.

Very truly yours,

David D. Jones

David D. Jones
President

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SPC Board Mem

November 20, 1945

Dr. David D. Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Dr. Jones:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board succeeding Dr. Horace M. Bond whose term expires in 1946. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This is to advise that I accept reelection on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

I regret circumstances prevented my attendance at the recent meeting. I have read with interest the release concerning it.

With cordial greetings.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson
President

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November 20, 1945

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Doctor Patterson:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter advising me of my election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Conference.

I am glad to accept membership on the Board and will do anything I can in connection with the important work which the Southern Regional Council has set out to do.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Patterson

F. D. Patterson
President

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
2825 LEXINGTON ROAD
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EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR
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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Guy:

I thank you for the letter informing me that I have been reelected to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council for a term of four years.

I appreciate the honor the Council has conferred upon me and I shall be happy to serve for the four year term.

I was glad to be able to attend a part of the recent meeting in Atlanta and was happy to see you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A. McDowell

EAM:jrs

November 20, 1945

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Doctor McDowell:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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In long hand:
Pardon the formality! Everything has to be made "official". Glad you got here last week, and wish you could have stayed longer.

Guy

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRA DEA. REID
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOWARD W. ODUM, PRESIDENT
P. B. YOUNG, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
HOMER P. RAINEY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
CARTER WESLEY, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMILY H. CLAY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

RAY WARWICK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

November 27, 1945

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

At the annual meeting of the Council in Atlanta on November 14, 1945, the Committee on Publications and the Committee on Public Relations offered some recommendations concerning The Southern Frontier. In brief, these were:

(1) That the format of The Southern Frontier be changed to "pocket size."

(2) That the publication continue on a monthly basis, but that once every quarter an enlarged issue be devoted to some current problem.

(3) That the name of The Southern Frontier be changed, preferably to The New South.

These recommendations were adopted at the annual meeting. However, it was pointed out by a representative of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare that the Southern Conference is incorporating its educational publications under the name of "The New South Press." Therefore, it does not seem advisable for us to substitute The New South for The Southern Frontier. The final decision on the matter of a name for the publication was left to the Executive Committee.

We feel that it will be helpful to the Executive Committee if every member of the Board of Directors will express his opinion on this subject. Since a new volume of the publication begins with the January issue, it is important that the decision be made as soon as possible. Please check the enclosed sheet and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Enclosure

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

November 27, 1945

I. I am in favor of changing the name of The Southern Frontier, and I would rank the proposed names in the order indicated by numerals at the right:

	(Rank 1, 2, 3)
The New Frontier	_____
The South Tomorrow	_____
Tomorrow's South	_____
The South Now	_____
South	_____
Forward South	_____
Other suggestions: _____	_____
_____	_____

(If you approve of a change of name, but do not like any of those suggested above, please suggest others and include them in your rankings.)

(Check)

II. I am in favor of keeping the name The Southern Frontier _____

Signed _____

This letter and enclosure were sent to the following persons, November 28, 1945:

1. Miss Jos ephine Wilkins
2. Mr. John H. Wheeler
3. President Harold L. Trigg
4. Dr. J. G. Stuart
5. Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
6. Mr. Philip E. Shulhafen
7. The Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara
8. Mr. Alfred Mynders
9. President David D. Jones
10. Mr. Hodding Carter
11. Mr. R. B. Herbert
12. Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
13. Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
14. Dr. R. L. Russell
15. Mr. Leonard Haas
16. Dr. H. D. Goode
17. Mr. C. H. Gillman
18. Dr. Clark Foreman
19. Mr. O. D. Duncan
20. Dr. P. B. Young
21. Dr. Howard W. Odum
22. Dr. Goodrich C. White
23. President A. W. Dent
24. Dr. Forrester B. Washington
25. Miss Florence Sytz
26. Mr. Ernest Delpit
27. Mr. Virginius Dabney
28. Dr. William E. Cole
29. Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman
30. Dr. Rufus E. Clement
31. Mr. Louis Burnham
32. Mr. Carter Wesley
33. Mr. F. C. Willcoxon
34. Mr. Wilson M. Brown
35. Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
36. Dr. R. B. Atwood
37. Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
38. Dr. Will W. Alexander
39. Mr. Edgar B. Stern
40. Dr. T. S. Staples
41. Mr. G. D. Rogers
42. President Jacob L. Reddix
43. Mr. John Garland Pollard , Jr.
44. Dr. Raymond R. Paty
45. Dr. F. D. Patterson
46. Mr. Marion A. Wright
47. Mr. J. R. Henderson
48. Dr. N. C. Newbold
49. Bishop Arthur J. Moore
50. Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
51. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
52. Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
53. Dr. E. A. McDowell
54. Dr. Z. A. Looby
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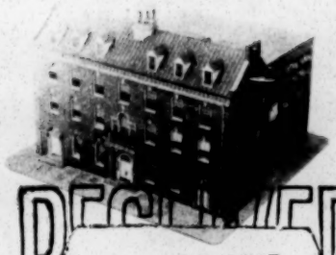

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to say that I do not feel that I can serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I, nevertheless, appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Yours very truly,

Gordon Gray

Gordon Gray

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Mr. Gordon Gray
418 North Marshall
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Res. 330 Stratford Rd.?

Dear Mr. Gray:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Have given consideration to your letter of November 20th and I am not sure whether I would be able to be of service. Nevertheless, I will accept this membership on your Board and, naturally, if circumstances beyond my control prevent my attending meetings, I will let you know.

I hope the Southern RegionalCouncil will be able to reach its goal.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Armand May/TG

SRC Board Members

November 20, 1945

Mr. Armand May
P. O. Box 1535
Atlanta 1, Ga.

Dear Mr. May:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Fayetteville State Teachers College

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Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is with pleasure that I accept my election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I will be more than happy to do what I can for the furthering of the work of this splendid organization. I am highly honored by this election.

Yours very truly

J. W. Seabrook (cnk)

J. W. Seabrook
PRESIDENT

cnk

SRC Board membership

November 20, 1945

Pres. J. W. Seabrook
Fayetteville State Teachers College
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear President Seabrook:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were elected to membership on the Board for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

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Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:MS

Mr. Barry Bingham
Louisville Courier-Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

When the Southern Regional Council had its annual meeting in Atlanta on November 10, it gave itself the pleasure of electing you to membership on its Board of Directors for a four-year period, 1948 - 1952.

I do greatly hope you can write us that it is all right with you to come on and serve. We won't take a lot of your time; at most, one day and the next day in the year for a Board meeting and membership meeting, and some of you very busy Board members only give us one day a year. We do pay travel expenses to the meeting and back.

The Board membership is about what is shown on the last pages of this pamphlet, though ten were dropped at the end of the year and we are asking others to take their places. They include, by the way, Mr. Mark Ethridge and Mr. Jonathan Daniels of your profession.

You would help us a lot if you would come on, and we do hope you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mr. J. M. Tydings
Mrs. Agnes McKoy

December 3, 1945

Mr. Barry Bingham
The Courier-Journal
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

We are, of course, greatly disappointed that you are not able to accept membership on our Board of Directors, but we quite understand how a man feels when he is loaded with about ten times too much work.

Thank you very much for your continuing interest as a member of the Council and for your generous contribution.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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BARRY BINGHAM, *President*

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Southern Regional Council

November 30, 1945.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of November 21st and have been delayed in answering because of an absence from the city.

I am complimented by the action of the Southern Regional Council in nominating me to its Board of Directors, and I wish I could accept the appointment. I regret to say, however, that I must hold down very strictly on new activities at the moment, since I have only recently returned to my office after four and one-half years in the Service, and I am so exceedingly busy catching up with many affairs here that I have had to make up my mind to avoid other commitments for the time being.

I am interested in the work of the Council and have just been reading some of the material which you sent me. I enclose a check for my annual dues and a small contribution to your program.

Yours very truly,

Barry Bingham

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

SRC Board membership

November 21, 1945

Mr. Barry Bingham
Louisville Courier Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council November 14, 1945, you were elected to membership in the Council and to its Board of Directors for a term of four years. I sincerely hope that you will accept this election and that you will give the Council the benefit of your wisdom as a member of its Board of Directors.

For your information, the Board holds two regular meetings annually. One of these is held on the day preceding the annual meeting of members and the other is held immediately on the adjournment of the annual meeting. The time of the annual meeting is the second Wednesday in November. Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council bears expenses of Board members when they attend meetings.

Since the Council is a relatively young organization, having begun operation in February, 1944, it may be that you are not familiar with its purposes and program. I am, therefore, sending some literature which will serve to acquaint you with the background and purposes of the Council. Let me call your attention especially to pamphlet number one, entitled The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Purpose, and to the leaflet which is inserted therein. The list of Board members which you will find at the end of this pamphlet has been considerably increased. The enclosed invitation to membership contains a brief statement about the work of the Council. If there is any further information which you would like to have, won't you please let me know.

Again let me say that we hope that you will accept service on the Board of Directors. May we hear from you soon.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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December 12, 1945

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Louisville Municipal College
Seventh and Kentucky Streets
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Your check and both copies of your letter of December 3 have arrived safely. I am glad that someone found the lost letter and mailed it to us.

We are delighted that you have accepted membership on our Board of Directors. There is not another regular meeting of the Board until next November, but it is probable that we shall need a special meeting sometime during the spring. In the meantime, we hope that you will acquaint yourself thoroughly with the Council's activities by reading the literature which we sent you and by discussions with other Board members such as Dr. Edward McDowell, of Louisville Seminary and Mr. J. M. Tydings, Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky. We are soon going to put on a campaign for membership, and we shall welcome any suggestions you have for building up the membership in Kentucky.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I consider it a distinct honor to be named as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I am glad to have the opportunity to participate actively in a movement which holds so much promise for the future of the South. Please let me know what my immediate duties are.

I am sending herewith my membership dues for the year 1946.

Sincerely yours,

C.H.Parrish, Jr.

C.H.Parrish, Jr.

P.S.
I misplaced original copy - with check $5.00
Perhaps some one has found it and put a stamp on it. Please let me know about it.

LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL COLLEGE
SEVENTH AND KENTUCKY STREETS
LOUISVILLE 3, KENTUCKY

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Sincerely yours,

C.H.Parrish, Jr.

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Ck for $5.00 ($2.00 membership; $3.00 contribution) given Miss Clay -

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SRC Board membership

November 20, 1945

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Louisville Municipal College
Louisville, Kentucky

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Board

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CHARLES W. ANDERSON, JR.
602 W. WALNUT STREET
LOUISVILLE 3, KY.

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your very kind and cordial communication of December 13th.

I am pleased to know of your interest in the report of the Governor's Commission on Negro affairs. We are now endeavoring to get the Governor to sponsor certain legislation, pursuant to the recommendations of the Commission. If the administration in the forthcoming General Assembly will get behind the recommendations, it will certainly be a far reaching step for constructive action by a Southern State.

I am indeed sorry that due to the pressure of National Bar Association activities, of which Association I was President during the past two years, I was prohibited in giving the required time to the work of the Council. However, local affairs have been so numerous until it is difficult to devote much time to causes away from Kentucky.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

CWA/dwm

C. W. Anderson, Jr.

SRC Board Membership

December 13, 1945

Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Jr.
602 West Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Your term on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council expired at the time of the annual meeting last month. In behalf of the Executives and Directors of the Council, I want to express our appreciation for your services as a Board member. We trust that we may have your continued cooperation as a regular active member of the Council.

I have read with much interest the Report of the Governor's Commission on Negro Affairs, of which you are a member. It is a splendid and constructive piece of work and I wish that every Southern governor would appoint a commission of this sort.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:IBT

May 23, 1944

Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Jr.
602 West Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am delighted that you have accepted membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover I am sending you copies of minutes of previous meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. I believe that these will serve to give you some further background on the work of the Council.

We shall soon have ready for distribution the May issue of the SOUTHERN FRONTIER and a new pamphlet describing the background and program of the Council.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Separate cover

LAW OFFICES
CHARLES W. ANDERSON, JR.
602 WEST WALNUT STREET
LOUISVILLE 3, KENTUCKY

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RES. MAGNOLIA 0732

May 18,1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 9th, inviting me to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

In reply, I beg to advise that I shall be very pleased to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. From time to time I shall be pleased to receive information relative to the activities of the council.

Respectfully,

CWA/dwm C. W. Anderson, Jr.

Mr. Charles W. Anderson

Letter of May 9, 1944, re SRC Board membership.

Copy filed under Dean T. S. Staples

SRC - Board of Directors - Correspondence

October 14, 1948

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Topknot"
Linville, Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Please accept our regrets that a dues notice was inadvertently included in your last copy of New South. You are indeed paid up and are so recorded.

We are delighted to know that you plan to be present for the Board and Membership Meetings on November 10th and 11th, and will have a hotel reservation ready for you.

With kindest good wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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January 2nd, 1945

Miss Emily Clay
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 12th and for your generosity in connection with the consigned booklets for our Conference.

I am enclosing herewith check for $1.00 for the attached bill. 1.15 #23

I am awfully sorry that I had to be out of town at the time of the annual meeting of the Southern Regional but I want you to know that I fellow with great interest the reports as well as the little monthly pamphlet "The Frontier" and that I hope I will be able to attend the next meeting.

I think that the organization has a tremendous opportunity here in the South and which, because of its sane philosophy and program, will attract the attention and loyalty of an increasing number of intelligent Southern people.

With every good wish, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Wm. G. Gehri
Rector

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Encl.

accepted membership 1/18/45

January 10, 1945

Miss Bethel Fite
College Station
Murray, Kentucky

(Murray State Teachers College)

Dear Miss Fite:

Your subscription to our Mailing-List Service has just been received. We regret that the December issue of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER has been greatly delayed, but we hope to be able to mail a copy to you early next week.

It occurs to us that you may be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council. If so, we shall be glad to have you fill in and return the enclosed card. The $1.00 which you sent for the Mailing-List subscription will then be entered as dues. As a member, you would, of course, receive the FRONTIER and any pamphlets published by the Council. The enclosed pamphlet, THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, will acquaint you with the background and program of the organization, and information concerning the program adopted at the annual meeting last month will appear in the December FRONTIER.

The Council needs the cooperation of a large number of representative citizens throughout the South. We hope, therefore, that you will authorize us to present your name to the Membership Committee.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

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Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Dear Subscriber:

In checking our records, we find that your subscription to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER expired with the issue for NOV - 1944. A subscription blank is enclosed herewith and we hope that you will let us have your renewal by return mail, in order that you may receive the FRONTIER without interruption.

Sincerely yours,

THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER

Please send me the December issue, if it is still available

Bethel Fite
College Station
Murray Kentucky

former address
R. 2 Box 24
Clarksdale
Mississippi

accepted membership 1/19/45

January 12, 1945

Miss Adelaide Gundlach
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Miss Gundlach:

Sometime ago Dr. McDowell requested us to notify members of the Kentucky Council on Interracial Cooperation when their subscriptions to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER expired. We are writing now to let you know that your subscription expired with the November issue. A blank is enclosed for your convenience in sending the renewal.

It occurs to us, however, that you may be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council, which began operation in February 1944, and with which the Commission on Interracial Cooperation merged at that time. As a member, you would, of course, receive the FRONTIER and any pamphlets which we issue.

The Council represents the efforts of liberal and progressive people of both races to promote "the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South." It is a voluntary organization of Southern people devoted to the task of building a better South in a better nation. The enclosed pamphlet, entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, will acquaint you with the background and program of the organization.

As membership dues are only $1.00 a year, it is hoped that members will find it possible to make a contribution to the budget in addition to dues. We shall be glad to have you fill in and return the enclosed membership-application card, authorizing us to submit your name to our Membership Committee.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. If for any reason you do not wish to accept membership at this time, please let us have your FRONTIER renewal by return mail in order that you may continue to receive the paper without interruption.

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January 18, 1945

Mr. G. D. Rogers
1416 N. Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Rogers:

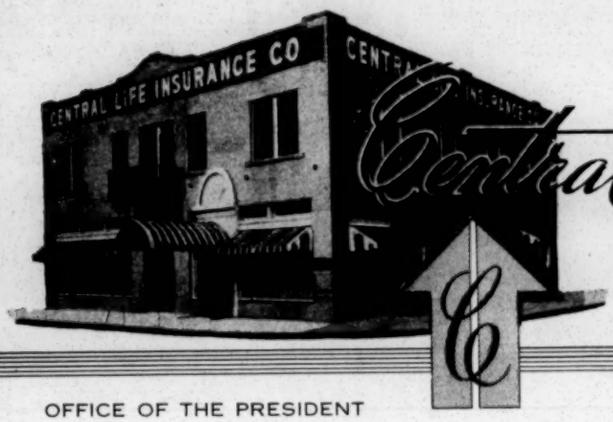
Thank you for your check in the sum of $10.00, covering dues for 1945 and a contribution of $9.00, which is appreciated very much. Our receipt is enclosed herewith.

We are enclosing, also, a check for $43.01 in payment of the statement of your expenses on account of the annual meeting.

We are glad to know that you are planning to attend the Board of Directors meeting on January 31.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay



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January 16, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, 3 Georgia

My dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing herewith expense statement mailed to me several days ago which has been delayed for reason of having overlooked it.

This is also to advise that I will attend the Board Meeting on the 31st of January as scheduled and I am enclosing $10.00 check for my annual dues.

1/18/45

Very truly yours,

G D Rogers Jr

G. D. Rogers,
President

GDR-t

Accepted
1/29/45

January 19, 1945

Professor Earl M. Ramer
College of Education
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Professor Ramer:

We are glad to have your letter of January 15, concerning the conditions of membership and the program of the Southern Regional Council.

You will find, on referring to Page 5 of the enclosed pamphlet, that the only conditions of membership are (1) an affirmation of belief in the purposes of the Council, (2) residence in the Council area, and (3) payment of annual dues, which are $1.00. The purpose and program of the Council are described briefly on Page 6 of this pamphlet, while the enclosed copy of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER gives information relative to our plans for 1945.

The Council believes that now as never before the people of the South must mobilize their spiritual and intellectual resources in the interest of constructive social change. It needs the cooperation of a large number of representative citizens throughout the South. We hope, therefore, that you will be interested in becoming a member, and we shall be glad to have you fill in and return the enclosed membership application card, authorizing us to add your name to our roll. As a member, you will, of course, receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and any pamphlets published by the Council.

We shall look forward to hearing from you again.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 15, 1945

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me conditions of membership in your organization and some explanation of its program?

Very truly yours,

Earl M. Ramer

Earl M. Ramer,
Associate Professor of
Education

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INVITATION

accepted 2/20/45

January 19, 1945

Dean and Mrs. Fleming James
Theological Seminary
Sewanee, Tennessee

Dear Dean and Mrs. James:

Mrs. Henry Havens had told me of your interest in the Southern Regional Council. Since I, too, am an Episcopalian, it makes me very happy to know that you would like to join with us in this important work.

Although through Mrs. Havens you are already acquainted with the purpose of the Council, I am sending you herewith a pamphlet entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, which tells something of the background and program of the organization. I am enclosing, also, a copy of the December issue of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, reporting our plans for 1945.

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We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Send, also, Ewan. Dis report.

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2/14/45
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MEMO FROM JANE HAVENS:

Send membership application cards to

Dean Fleming James
Theological Seminary
Sewanee, Tennessee

for him and his wife.

Invitation

Accepted
7/9/45

January 25, 1945

Mrs. C. R. Whitaker
17 N. Hawley Street
Eustis, Florida

Dear Mrs. Whitaker:

We are glad to learn, through your letter of January 16, of your interest in the Southern Regional Council, with which the Commission on Interracial Cooperation merged early last year.

The enclosed pamphlet, entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, contains information relative to the background and program of the organization, while the December issue of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, a copy of which is enclosed, tells something of our plans for 1945.

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It is encouraging to know that there are others in your church in Eustis who are interested in this work. If you think that any of them would care to be affiliated with the Council, please send us their names and addresses and we shall be delighted to invite them to become members. You probably know that the Episcopal Church in this province has endorsed the work of the Council and has urged the members to cooperate with us. This was especially gratifying to me, since I, too, am an Episcopalian.

We shall look forward to hearing from you again, and we hope that you will let us know if we can be of assistance at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. Perhaps I should tell you that as a member you will receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all pamphlets issued by the Council.

MRS. C. R. WHITAKER
17 N. HAWLEY STREET
EUSTIS, FLORIDA

Jan 16. 1945

Commission on International Cooperation.
Atlanta. Georgia.

Would you be so kind as to send me any material or reports about the activities of the Southern Regional Conference, as I have heard nothing of it since it was formed and announced in "Southern Frontier" in August 1943.

There is much interest here and in our church group (Episcopal) as I have distributed to a really eager few, your pamphlets.

Very sincerely yours.
Celia R. Whitaker.

February 2, 1945

Mrs. F. M. Mullino
Montezuma
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mullino:

Here is our check in the sum of $12.31 to reimburse you for expenses incurred in connection with your trip to Atlanta for the Conference today.

I am enclosing, also, a receipt for your dues in the Southern Regional Council for the year 1945. When I reached the office today, I found that you had not accepted membership at the time of the Demobilization Conference, but that Dr. Johnson's secretary was just preparing to mail an invitation to you. We are very happy, therefore, to enroll you as a member, and we look forward to the opportunity for close cooperation with you.

It was a pleasure to meet you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

February 8, 1945

Mrs. Edward B. Martin
636 Milledge Circle
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 31 and for the list of Negro women to be invited to membership in the Council. Now, we shall be awaiting the list of white prospects! If every member would take such an active interest in expanding the Council, we should soon be well represented throughout our region. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

I understand that Jane is going to "spread the gospel" a little in Athens Sunday! She will do a good job, I'm sure, and maybe she will come back with some new Council members.

Pay us a visit the next time you are in Atlanta, won't you? We always enjoy seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

Athens, Ga.
Jan. 31, 1945.

Dear Miss Clay,

Mrs. G. H. Hurt, President of the Negro Council of Church Women in Athens, secured these names at my suggestion for the Southern Regional Council. She wanted me to take the dollars for their memberships, but I told her I'd send you their names, and you'd pass on them, etc. send them an invitation to join, etc. and then they could send you their membership fee.

Now, I'll begin working on the white prospects, and see how many I can get.

We were so glad to have Mrs. Johnson with us at our committee meeting Tuesday, and we're hoping to get something started here in the way of a Community Center for negroes.

Tell Jane howdy'e for us. These are busy days and there is much to be done.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed B.) Janie Z. Martin

February 19, 1945

Mr. J. Edwin Smith
Sterling Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 and an additional contribution of $10.00, which we greatly appreciate, is enclosed herewith.

We regret that there was duplication in inviting you to become a member of the Council. This was caused by the fact that you were elected on the nomination of one member and later your name appeared on another list. It is apparent, I think, that we really want you as a member!

We appreciate very much the assurance that you hope to contribute your part in carrying on the work of the Council, and we shall look forward to your cooperation in furthering our program.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

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February 8, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Secretary, Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, NE.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

Yesterday I received formal application card for membership in the Southern Regional Council. Today I have received notice that I have been elected to membership in the Council.

Enclosed I hand you formal acceptance of membership, together with dues for the year 1945, and an additional contribution.

I am happy to be connected with this organization, and hope that I can contribute my part to carrying on its worthy endeavors.

Very cordially yours,

J. Edwin Smith

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(Encl.)

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Dear Council Member :

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate your check, covering dues for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of our current printed materials, including recent issues of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER. You will receive the FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent to you as they are issued.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Letter #2
Dues & Contribution

Dear Council Member:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate your check, covering dues for the year 1945 and an additional contribution.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of our current printed materials, including recent issues of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER. You will receive the FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent to you as they are issued.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

February 19, 1945

Prof. J. T. Dorris
State College
Richmond, Kentucky

Dear Prof. Dorris:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is enclosed herewith.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
RICHMOND, KY.

February 8, 1945

Mr. Guy B. Johnson:

I shall be glad to do my bit on the Southern Regional Council, and am enclosing $1.00 as my current dues.

Remember, please, that I am at your service when needed.

Cordially yours,

J. G. Norris

February 21, 1945

Mr. Farrar Shelton
506A Buffalo Street
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Thank you for the list of persons to be invited to become members of the Southern Regional Council. We are glad to extend invitations to them.

Enclosed herewith is a list of the Virginia members of the Council.

Please let us hear from you whenever we can be of service.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS IN VIRGINIA
February 21, 1945

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Dear Council Member:

The enclosed materials are sent to you as one of our recent members. If you already have copies of any of these, won't you please pass them on to someone whom you would like to interest in the Council?

We should like to call attention especially to the reprint from the December FRONTIER, entitled SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL 1945, which contains the program adopted at the annual meeting. If you have friends to whom you would like to have us mail copies of this or other materials, please send us their names and addresses.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY

March 22, 1945

Mr. Bolton C. Price
121 W. Oakley Street
Jackson 19, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Price:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for 1945 is enclosed herewith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

March 5, 1945

Mr. Bolton C. Price
121 W. Oakley Street
Jackson 19, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your subscription to our Mailing List Service.

We are sending you herewith several current pamphlets, including THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, which tells something of the background and program of this organization.

The Council, which began operation in February 1944, represents the efforts of liberal and progressive people of both races to promote "the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South." It needs the cooperation of a large number of representative citizens throughout the South.

In the hope that you will be interested in becoming a member of the Council, we are enclosing a membership application card, which we shall be glad to have you return, authorizing us to enroll you. The $1.00 which you sent for the Mailing List will, of course, be credited as dues, since membership entitles you to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all pamphlets issued by the Council.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

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March 22, 1945

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
P. K. Yonge Laboratory School
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for 1945 is enclosed herewith.

Under separate cover we are mailing you the materials which we are distributing to our new members. THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER will, of course, come to you each month, and other materials will be sent as they are issued. If you have had any of the pamphlets which we are now sending, perhaps you would like to pass the extra copies on to a friend who might be interested in the Council.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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March 9th, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay, Sec.-Treas.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N. E., Rm. 432
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st, and the information contained therein.

I shall be very glad to become a member of the Southern Regional Council, and you may credit the $1.00 sent you toward membership.

I am enclosing the card you sent me and trust you will find all in order.

Sincerely yours,

Hal G. Lewis

Hal G. Lewis
Principal

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March 1, 1945

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
P. K. Yonge Laboratory School
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of February 20 and for the check in the amount of $1.00 for a subscription to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, or for four subscriptions to be distributed by you.

Before entering your subscription, however, we should like to invite you to become a member of the Southern Regional Council. The enclosed pamphlets will tell you something of the background and program of the organization.

The Council believes that now as never before the people of the South must mobilize their spiritual and intellectual resources in the interest of constructive social change. It needs the cooperation of a large number of representative citizens throughout the South. We hope, therefore, that you will return the enclosed card, authorizing us to enroll you as a member. We shall be glad to credit as dues the $1.00 which you sent for the subscription, since membership entitles you to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all pamphlets issued by the Council.

We shall look forward to receiving your early reply.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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February 20th, 1945

Southern Regional Council Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

I have just seen my first copy of the Southern Frontier published by your group.

2/22/45

I am enclosing a check for $1.00 for a subscription or if you prefer, four subscriptions which I shall distribute. I would like to know more about the work of your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Hal G. Lewis

Hal G. Lewis
Principal

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Origin

The Southern Regional Council is the outgrowth of two movements: (1) the Durham-Atlanta-Richmond Conferences of 1942-43, in which Southern leaders, white and Negro, covenanted together to work for a better South for all; (2) the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The Council was chartered by the State of Georgia on January 6, 1944, and it held its charter meeting on February 16, 1944. At that time the Commission merged with the new Council.

Purpose

The Council represents the forward-looking conscience and efforts of liberal Southerners to give democracy a chance in the South. Although it is bi-racial in its membership and staff, it is not exclusively a "race relations" organization. It believes in the improvement of economic, civic, political, and educational conditions for the good of all the people.

Functions

The Council believes that sound information, honest discussion, and cooperation, rather than agitation, are the best methods for promoting social progress. Its functions are: (1) research and survey to find the facts and to determine the possibilities of constructive action; (2) educational work through its own publications and through the press, radio, exhibits, conferences, and personal contacts; (3) cooperation with other agencies which have liberal and humanitarian aims; (4) consultative services to private or public agencies; and (5) formulation of constructive plans and proposals for "the South that could be."

Membership

The Council welcomes to membership all liberal minded persons who believe in its purposes and methods. Voting members must be residents of the Council area: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Virginia. Persons living elsewhere may become associate members. Dues are one dollar a year, but members are urged to contribute additional amounts according to their financial ability. Members receive *The Southern Frontier* and all Council pamphlets.

Southern Regional Development

Structure

The Council belongs to its members. At the annual meeting, which is held in Atlanta on the second Wednesday in October, the members make decisions on policy and program. Every member in good standing is entitled to vote either in person or by proxy. The Council has a Board of Directors elected by the members; an Executive Committee and five standing committees, elected by the Board; and an executive staff which devotes its time to the promotion of the Council's program. Eventually the members living in various states will be organized into state divisions of the Council.

Publications

The Council publishes *The Southern Frontier,* a monthly paper which was initiated by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in 1940. It is keeping in print such popular Commission pamphlets as "America's Tenth Man" and "Understanding Our Neighbors," and it has in preparation pamphlets on such subjects as The Southern People, Suffrage and Politics, Health in the South, Economic Potential of the Negro, and Homicides in the South. The Council occasionally reprints timely articles for wide circulation, and it prepares special mimeographed materials such as study outlines, bibliographies, and factual compilations. It will also publish special research reports from time to time.

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April 26, 1945

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Associate Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reid:

While Mr. Virginius Dabney could not be present at the January 31st directors meeting, he is naturally very much interested and both he and I have reviewed the minutes and the memoranda which we received a day or two ago.

When the question of segregation was discussed, I recall that I expressed agreement with Dr. Gordon Hancock's view that we should not dissipate our energies by making an expensive and detailed study of this problem at this time, and I am even more convinced of this after reading carefully Dr. Reid's memorandum. He states in his first paragraph, "acceptance of the principle of segregation or of established segregation is not only wrong but impolitic and inexpedient; and, third, that there is an immediate need for ignoring most of the rationalizations regarding segregation and to work out definite techniques and programs for immediate practice." I think that the acceptance of the principle of segregation is both politic and expedient in a number of instances and in many places and that one is not ignoring the rationalizations but, on the contrary, is doing a good bit of rationalizing when he concludes that an acceptance of the fact (segregation) is impolitic and inexpedient. If the Southern Regional Council, along with other organizations, devotes $68,600 to an exhaustive study of segregation and spends not only a good bit of its funds but a large portion of its energies in fighting segregation, I do not think we will win the battle but lose the war -- we will lose both the battle and the war.

Let's fight the absurd extremes of segregation wherever and whenever we can, but do not let us attempt the impossible and thereby irreparably hurt rather than help the cause in which we are all interested.

I do not know whether the Harper's article by Dr. Will Alexander, which we voted to reprint, has been reprinted and circulated. It was not my intention to vote for any wide circulation of this article as I feel that following this course would at this stage be harmful rather than helpful to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson M. Brown

WMB:PL
CC: Dr. Howard W. Odum
Mr. Virginius Dabney

Copy for
Miss Emily H. Clay, Sec.-Treas. ✓

April 27, 1945

Dean Wm. H. Bell
Samuel Huston College
Austin, Texas

Dear Dean Bell:

Thank you for your letter of April 17, enclosing a check in the amount of $7.50. We are crediting $5.00 as dues from 1944 through 1948, "or for such period as it remains $1.00 per year," and the balance of $2.50 as a contribution, which we appreciate very much. A receipt is attached hereto.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

SAMUEL HUSTON COLLEGE
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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April 17, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional, Inc.
Room 432 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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My dear Miss Clay:

Through oversight I failed to respond to your notice of Dec. 19, 1944. I am paying my membership dues for five years, or for such period as it remains $1.00 per year, and contributing $2.50 for which purposes find my check for $7.50.

Yours for Victory,

Wm. H. Bell

Wm. H. Bell, Dean

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April 27, 1945

Mr. William D. Cabell
2005 Monument Avenue
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cabell:

We are glad to enroll you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto.

We are enclosing a copy of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER for March, together with a pamphlet which we hope will interest you. The April FRONTIER has been delayed, but will be ready for distribution shortly.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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April 6, 1945

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Mr. William D. Cabell
2005 Monument Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cabell:

We are delighted to have your letter expressing interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council and inquiring about the requirements for membership.

The only membership requirements are residence in the Council's area, which includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, willingness to subscribe to the Council's purpose as set forth in the Charter, and payment of annual dues of $1.00. An invitation to become a member of the Council accompanies this letter, and we shall be very glad, indeed, to have your acceptance.

Under separate cover we are sending you some of our printed materials which we hope will interest you. As a member, you will, of course, receive our monthly publication THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all other materials issued by the Council.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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FILE NO.

March 27, 1945

2005 Monument Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
March 27, 1945

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Some recent incidents in Virginia emphasizing white prejudices against Negroes moved me to write Virginius Dabney, Editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, for information about organizations which work toward removing these feelings. Mr. Dabney suggested that I write you and he said that I might mention his name, when asking you for any material which you think will be helpful to me.

I am also interested in your membership requirements, in the hope that if you will accept me as a member, I can add some small effort to the work which I understand you are engaged in.

As a lawyer associated with the firm whose name appears at the top of this letter, I do not have a great deal of extra time to give to outside work of this sort; but if you do have a membership open for a person who feels strongly about the particular injustices in many negro-white relationships, and who would like to help lessen them by working with you at least to some extent, I shall be obliged to you for any information you can give me on the subject.

Very truly yours,

William D. Cabell

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April 27, 1945

Mr. Russell Smith
310 South Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are happy to enroll you as a member of the Southern Regional Council and are attaching hereto a receipt covering your dues for the year 1945. Enclosed, also, are copies of recent issues of our monthly paper, THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, and several pamphlets which we hope will be of interest to you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

April 5, 1945

Card & ck
for $1.00
Rec'd 4/11/45

Mr. Russell Smith
National Farmers' Union
430 Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We were delighted to have your letter to Dr. Reid, saying that you would accept membership in the Southern Regional Council.

Through Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Tilly I have learned that Dr. Johnson's letter inviting you to become a member had been misplaced. I am, therefore, sending you the enclosed card, which we shall be glad to have you fill in and return to us at your convenience.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION

NATIONAL OFFICE
3501 E. 46TH AVE.
DENVER, COLO.

THIS LETTER FROM:
WASHINGTON OFFICE
430 MUNSEY BLDG.
TELEPHONE: NA. 9750

March 20, 1945

Mr. Ira DeA. Reid
Associate Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Sometime ago I received a letter either from you or Mr. Guy Johnson regarding my membership in the Southern Regional Council. It was my impression that the letter had been answered, but apparently it was not. The mistake occurred in the confushion attendant on various office changes here.

At any rate, I am of course happy to associate with the Council and appreciate very much the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Smith

Russell Smith
Legislative Secretary

May 3, 1945

Mr. C. A. L. Johnstone
401 Wilson Building
Mobile 13, Alabama

Dear Mr. Johnstone:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate your check for $3.00, covering dues for the year 1945 and an additional contribution of $2.00. A receipt is attached hereto.

Enclosed, also, are copies of recent issues of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and several pamphlets which we hope will interest you. The April FRONTIER has been delayed, but will be ready for distribution shortly.

We look forward to the opportunity to cooperate with you, and we hope that you will let us know if we can be of assistance to you at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Community Chest of Mobile, Inc.

For Mobile's Sake

Mobile, Alabama

April 30, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I appreciate your invitation to become a member of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. You will find enclosed check for $3.00 to pay dues for 1945.

I am very much interested in the work of the Council and trust that I will be able to be of value as a member.

Yours truly,

C. A. L. Johnstone
Executive Secretary

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Encl

May 3, 1945

Mrs. Dabney White
34-58 Seventy-fourth Street
Jackson Heights, Long Island
New York

Dear Mrs. White:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we are attaching hereto a receipt covering your dues for 1945.

You will observe on the receipt that we are enrolling you as an Associate of the Council, since our by-laws require that regular members shall reside within the Council's area. A statement concerning the structure of the organization will be found on Page 5 of the enclosed pamphlet entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE.

We are enclosing, also, copies of recent issues of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which we hope will interest you.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Miss Clay:

I have changed my name from Charlotte Van Noppen to Mrs. Dabney White & my address from Greensboro, N. C. to New York. However I'm still interested in the work of the Council and want to keep up with its activities even tho I am out of the South.

I feel it is important to educate Northerners along this line as well as Southerners, and if I can be of service I hope you will feel free to call upon me.

Every good wish for success and cooperation, I am,

Sincerely
Charlotte Van Nopper White

(Mrs. Dabney White
3458 74th St.
Jackson Hts.
Long Island,
N. Y.)

May 24'45
San Antonio, Texas

Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir,

I am interested in becoming a member of The Southern Regional Council. Enclosed please find my check for the annual dues.

Sincerely yours, Amy Freeman Lee

Amy Freeman Lee
703 E. Olmos Dr.
San Antonio 1 Texas

June 12, 1945

Mrs. Lee A. Belford
Glen Maury
Sewanee, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Belford:

Thank you very much for sending us Chaplain Belford's acceptance of membership in the Southern Regional Council, together with a check for $5.00 to cover his dues for the year 1945 and a contribution of $4.00. A receipt and a copy of our letter to him are enclosed herewith.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. If you would be interested in receiving some of our literature, please let us know and we shall be glad to send you copies.

June 12, 1945

Chaplain L. A. Belford
5th Service Bn., 5th Marine Division
c/o FPO
San Francisco, California

Dear Chaplain Belford:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate very much the contribution of $4.00 which was included with your dues for 1945. Instead of sending a receipt with this letter, we are mailing it to Mrs. Belford, inasmuch as the check was received from her.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of recent issues of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and several pamphlets which we hope will interest you. As a member of the Council, you are entitled to receive the FRONTIER and other materials which are issued from time to time. According to recent government rulings, we are not sure that we shall be able to mail our publications to you unless you request them personally, but we shall continue to send them until we have instructions to the contrary from the Post Office, or until we have a request from you.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Copy to Mrs. Belford

June 12, 1945

Dr. Henry F. White
John Brown University
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Dear Dr. White:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto. Under separate cover we are sending you copies of recent issues of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and several pamphlets which we hope will interest you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY

Training Youth to Live . . Head - Heart - Hand

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

May 22, 1945

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasuerer, Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clay:

Enclosed, please find a check of $1.00 to cover membership dues, as per application filled in herewith, for one year from date of this letter. You folks are doing a fine piece of work.

Cordially,

Henry F. White

Henry F. White
Professor

Invitation

April 30, 1945

Dr. Henry F. White
John Brown University
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Dear Dr. White:

Your letter of April 9 to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation has come to us, since the Commission merged with the Southern Regional Council in February 1944.

The enclosed pamphlet entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE will acquaint you with the background and program of the Council, and on Page 5 you will find a statement concerning membership requirements. We should like very much to have you become a member of the Council, and we hope that you will return the enclosed membership application card authorizing us to enroll you.

If there is further information you would like to have, or if we can assist you in any way, we shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY

Training Youth to Live . . Head - Heart - Hand

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

April 9, 1945

Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc.,
710 Standard Bldg.,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in what you are doing.

From 1928 until 1934 I was connected with the University System---Milledgeville and Atlanta.

What are your membership requirements?

Cordially,

Henry F. White

Henry F. White
Professor
Head of Division of
Economics and Business Administration

RECEIVES WHO'S WHO RECOGNITION

The following article may be of interest to the friends of Dr. Henry F. White. It was published in the October, 1944, Monthly Supplement to Who's Who in America, edited by Dr. A. N. Marquis, Chicago, Illinois.

White, Henry Ford, professor and social economist; born at Gilmer, Texas; son of Dr. Robert Franklin and Ada Lee (Jones) White; B. S., Sam Houston State Teachers' College, 1920; A. M., Baylor University, 1921; Ph. D., University of Texas, 1931; graduate work, Peabody College for Teachers, 1942; unmarried. Superintendent of public schools in Texas, 1916-1918, 1919-1922, 1923-1924; visiting assistant professor of history, University of Delaware, 1927-1928; visiting instructor of economics and social science, Milwaukee State Teachers' College, summer of 1928, Asheville Normal and Teachers' College, summer of 1934, East Texas State Teachers' College, summers of 1935 and 1936; head and founder of department of economics and sociology, Georgia State College for Women, 1928-1933; professor of economics, evening school, University of Georgia, 1933-1934; head of division of economics and sociology and assistant dean of Cox College, 1933-1934; head of division of economics and business administration, Ohio Northern University, 1934-1935; head, division of social science, John Brown University, 1935-1937; head, department of economics and sociology, Southeastern State Teachers' College, Durant, Oklahoma, 1937-1940; head, department of economics and professor of economics and sociology, Oshkosh State Teachers' College, 1940-1941; member of faculty in social science, Limestone College, 1941-1942; head of division of economics and business administration, John Brown University, since 1942. Lecturer on theme, The Economic Drift, and director of current news open-forum, 1935-1937, and two appearances weekly since 1942, all over station KUOA. Served in students' army training corps, U. S. Army, 1918. Awarded fellowship in economics, Baylor University, summers of 1921 and 1922; teaching fellowship in economics, University of Texas, 1922-1923; student assistant in history, University of Texas, 1925-1926. Chairman of committee of superintendents on college entrance requirements, Rio Grande Valley Teachers' Institute, 1919; chairman of high school section, Texas Tri-County Teachers' Institute, 1921; present or past membership in American Economics Association, American Sociological Society, Southwestern Social Science Association, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Southern Sociological Society, American Historical Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Society, Southern Economics Association, American Association for Labor Legislation, International Association for Labor Legislation; charter member, Doctors' Academy of Georgia State College for Women, International Relations Club of same school, Pi Gamma Mu of same school; cofounder, International Relations Club (U. of Tex.); honorary member, Eugene Field Society; fellow, Research Bureau for Postwar Economics. Author: Cooperative Marketing of Farm Products in the United States (John Brown University Press), 1937; Federal Approaches to Our Economic Order (John Brown University Press), 1938; The Farmer and Economic Progress (John Brown University Press), to be published in 1945. Contributor to professional journals. Home: 1811 Barnard Street, Waco, Texas. Office: John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

The biographical account above will be published in a forthcoming publication of the A. N. Marquis Company, entitled The Book of Authorities, Volume I.

Dr. White's biography also will appear in the Third Edition of the Biographical Encyclopedia of the World. It has appeared for a decade in Who's Who in American Education and for seven years in Who's Who Among North American Authors. His name likewise appeared a decade ago in Who's Who's Who in Pi Gamma Mu (National Honor Social Science Fraternity).

Mr. McCray's letter + copy of my reply with JBQ; copy of reply to JDCAR.

June 12, 1945

add to SRC list - card to Eliz

Mr. John H. McCray
1022½ Washington Street
Columbia 20, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCray:

Your letter of June 11 has reached the office in Dr. Reid's absence from the city, but will be brought to his attention when he returns about the first of July. Meanwhile, please accept our thanks for the copy of the survey of Negro policemen employed in the South. This will be most helpful to us.

In checking our financial records, I find that you were credited with paying dues in the Southern Regional Council in August 1944, but your name does not appear on our member mailing list. Apparently, we awaited your acceptance of membership and when it did not come we neglected to make the proper record. We regret very much that because of our oversight you have not received THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which have been distributed to our members during the intervening months. Under separate cover, however, we are mailing you copies of each issue of the FRONTIER from August 1944 through May 1945, as well as the various pamphlets which you should have received. In the future the FRONTIER will come to you each month, and other materials will be sent from time to time as they are issued.

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Council and we look forward to the opportunity for cooperation with you.in

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

June 20, 1945

Miss Nan Maybaum, Treasurer
Interracial Relations Committee
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Miss Maybaum:

We are delighted to enroll the Interracial Relations Committee of Rollins College for membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering 1945 dues in the amount of $1.00 and a contribution of $4.00, which we appreciate very much, is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of recent issues of our monthly publication THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which we hope will interest your Committee. If you would like to have additional copies of any of these materials for other members, let us know and we shall be glad to send them.

Please call on us whenever we can be of service to your Committee.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

PLEASE DETACH BEFORE DEPOSITING THIS CHECK FROM ROLLINS COLLEGE

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT	TOTAL
May 19, 1945	DUES IN THE COUNCIL OF INTERRACIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE	5.00	
		EVK	

Rollins College
Winter Park, Fla.
May 25, 1945

My dear Miss Clay,

As treasurer of the Interracial Relations Committee at Rollins College, I would like to submit the enclosed check to the Southern Regional Council, one dollar of which is to go for dues ~~for~~ the Interracial Relations Committee and the remaining four as a contribution.

Very truly yours,
Nan Maybaum

June 20, 1945

Prof. T. B. Maston
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Seminary Hill
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Prof. Maston:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of recent issues of our monthly paper THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which the Council has for distribution at present. We hope that some of these will be helpful to you in the preparation of the book which you are writing for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We regret that we cannot authorize you to quote from our pamphlet SINGERS IN THE DAWN. It will be necessary to secure permission from the original publisher of any poems which you wish to use.

Please let us know whenever we can assist you in any way.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SEMINARY HILL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

T. B. MASTON
SOCIAL ETHICS

June 13, 1945.

Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send to me a list of the pamphlet publications that you have available. I want to make use of these in connection with a book I am writing for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

If I understand correctly, membership in the Council is $1.00 a year. Please enroll me as a member. I have used quite a bit of material of the Commission on International Cooperation through the years. Thanking you, I am,

Check 6/18/45

Sincerely yours,

T B Maston

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T. B. Maston.

P. S. In connection with this same work, I wonder if it would be permissible for me to quote some of the poems that were published in "Singers In The Dawn," or would I have to secure permission from the original publisher or the author?

T.B.M.

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Mrs. Arnold F. Strauss

1002 Langley Road, Norfolk 7, Virginia

June 26, 1945

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Gentlemen:

I am delighted to be a member and participate in the splendid program of the Southern Regional Council.

I enclose two dollars.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,
Marjory Strauss

SRC - Members
Correspondence

June 28, 1948

Mrs. Julian Hennig
811 Woodland Drive
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Hennig:

We have been delighted to note your name on the letter-heads of the South Carolina Division of the Southern Regional Council as a member of the Executive Board and we know that this is a source of great satisfaction to the Division.

Through some inadvertence or oversight, we do not have a record of your membership here and wonder whether this has been sent to us? Membership, as you doubtless know, is $2.00 per year and carries with it a subscription to our monthly publications New South, as well as any other pamphlets which may be issued during the calendar year. One dollar of this membership is retained here to cover the cost of New South, and the other dollar is returned to the South Carolina Division for local use.

If you have not sent in your two dollars, may we not have it soon, so that we may list you properly as a member of the Council?

With kindest good wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s
A copy of this letter is being sent to Dr. J. J. Seabrook also.

Note - Membership received

MRS. NEAL BRADFORD SPAHR
924 TEMPLE AVE.
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 28, 1945

Miss Emily H. Clay
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed is a check for $1.00 dues for the Year 1945.

I appreciate the invitation received recently to become a member of the Southern Regional Council, and I hope to make a contribution to its "on-going" program.

With warm personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

F. Spahr.

FWS:ow

Encl.

SRC - Members Correspondence

June 28, 1948

Dr. J. J. Seabrook, President
Claflin College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Seabrook:

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If you have not sent in your two dollars, may we not have it soon, so that we may list you properly as a member of the Council?

With kindest good wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

Note — Membership rec'd

304 Fayette Street

Martinsville, Virginia

June 29, 1945

The Southern Regional Council

Room 432

63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

It is my desire to be a member of the Southern Regional Council.

I thank you kindly.

Yours very truly,

R. T. Anderson

R. T. Anderson, D. D.

Episcopal Diocesan Center

RT. REV. EVERETT HOLLAND JONES, D. D.
BISHOP

108 WEST FRENCH PLACE

TELEPHONE P-1892

San Antonio, 1, Texas

June 30th, 1945.

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I appreciate your recent invitation to join the Southern Regional Council, and I am enclosing my check for $5.00 in token of my acceptance of this invitation.

Most sincerely yours,

Everett H. Jones

Everett H. Jones.

GRACE G. REEVES
HAMPTON INSTITUTE
VIRGINIA

Postmarked
7/17/45

The Southern Region Council
63 Auburn Ave
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Sir

I feel honored to be asked to join the Council and accept membership with pleasure. I am enclosing my check for one dollar.

Very truly yours
Grace G. Reeves

July 18, 1945

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Casady
P. O. Box 1098
Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma

Dear Bishop Casady:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate very much your letter of June 25 and the check for $5.00 covering dues and a contribution for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we have mailed you copies of our current printed materials, and several new publications will be coming to you in the near future. You will, of course, receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER each month, and pamphlets will be sent to you from time to time as they are issued.

In case you have not heard of the resolution passed by the Synod of the Fourth Province, I am enclosing a copy of the FRONTIER which reported this action. We are privileged to have on our Board of Directors Bishop Charles Clingman of Kentucky, who was a charter member, and as regular members a number of bishops, ministers, and laymen of the Episcopal Church. As I, too, am an Episcopalian, it is a personal pleasure to welcome you to our membership.

We should be very glad, indeed, to have you attend our annual meeting in October, and we hope that it will be possible for you to do so.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
815 BRANIFF BUILDING
P. O. BOX 1098
OKLAHOMA CITY 1, OKLAHOMA

THE RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS CASADY, S. T. D.

June 25, 1945

Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find my personal check in the amount of $5.00 in response to your appeal of recent date.

6/28

It is not my usual custom to commit myself to anything as vaguely worded and as capable of varying interpretations as your statement from the Charter on the back of the blue card. Because of my very great interest in the racial problem and my feeling of its importance at this time, I am subscribing this small amount.

It will be interesting to receive your literature from time to time and, if possible, attend the convention in Atlanta next October, although that seems rather unlikely at this time.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Casady

Thomas Casady

TC:cg

July 19, 1945

Mr. William A. Revis
Route One
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Revis:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate very much your letter and the check for $5.00, covering dues and a contribution for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

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Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

TEL. ENGLEWOOD 3-7485

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SUCCESSOR TO

WILLIAM H. REVIS, INC.

IMPORTER OF TILES

140 LINDEN AVENUE,
ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

Route One Charlottesville Va

The Southern Regional Council,

63 Auburn Ave.,

Atlanta 3 Ga.

Dear Sirs,

I enclose my check for $5.00 for your work.

My thought about the negro is that he doesnt want to be made a fuss over. He does not want to mix up with the whites any more than the whites want to mix up with him. He wants to be treated as a human. He wants to be greeted on a par with whites of the same social status by the people he meets in every day walk. That is going to take some time longer. Of course I am not a southerner, and dont know much about him, neither am I a northerner. As a Christian at heart I try to live it out.

Sincerely,

W. A. Revis

July 20, 1945

Miss A. Bowden
2101 Dakota
San Antonio 3, Texas

Dear Miss Bowden:

Several days ago it came to my attention that through some inadvertence your name had not been added to our membership mailing list. We regret this sincerely, as it means that you have not been receiving the materials which have been mailed to our members. Under separate cover, however, we are sending you copies of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which have been distributed this year. I am under the impression that the June FRONTIER and a mimeographed bulletin were mailed to you last week. In case they were not, however, these are being included now.

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Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

July 20, 1945

The Rev. E. W. Dixon
44 Clingman Avenue
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Several days ago we discovered that through some inadvertence your name was not added to our membership mailing list when you became a member of the Southern Regional Council in February. We regret this sincerely, as it means that you have not been receiving the materials which have been mailed to our members. By this same mail, however, we are sending you copies of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which have been distributed this year. Within the next week, several new pamphlets will be ready for mailing. Hereafter, you will receive the FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent from time to time as they are issued.

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Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

July 20, 1945

The Rev. Prince F. Jackson
410 N. Richter Street
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Jackson:

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Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

July 20, 1945

Mrs. Emmett S. Johnson
2380 Westminister Way, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

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Secretary-Treasurer

July 20, 1945

The Rev. A. M. MacMillan
Holy Trinity Church
Cummings Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. MacMillan:

Several days ago we discovered that through some inadvertence your name was not added to our membership mailing list when you became a member of the Southern Regional Council in February. We sincerely regret this, as it means that you have not received the materials which have been mailed to our members. By this same mail, however, we are sending you copies of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials which have been distributed this year. Within the next week, several new pamphlets will be ready for mailing and hereafter you will receive the FRONTIER each month and other materials from time to time as they are issued.

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The Rev. George B. Myers
Sewanee, Tennessee

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Mr. Wood H. Patrick
905 Denver Boulevard
San Antonio 3, Texas

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Mrs. A. Louise Taylor
218 Boulevard, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. A. S. Weiner
723 E. Woodlawn
San Antonio 2, Texas

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Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

July 29, 1945

Southern Reginal Council.
63 Auburn Ave
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find one dollar (check) for a membership in the Southern Regional Council. We are interested in southern welfare and wish to make this subscription a membership.

Very truly yours,
Wanda P. Babcock
(Mrs. Russell. B.)

303 Jackson Ave.
Lexington, Virginia

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

August 2, 1945

Dear Council Member:

A notice of your dues for the years 1944 and 1945 is enclosed herewith.

Through THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and the occasional Bulletin you have had reports of the increased activities of your Council. As the program grows, more and more support is needed from our members. We hope, therefore, that in sending your dues you will include a contribution toward the current budget.

We shall greatly appreciate receiving your check as soon as possible in the self-addressed envelope which is provided. Please return the notice with your remittance.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
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Emily H. Clay

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Secretary-Treasurer

August 3, 1945

Mr. James Temple
4118 Gentilly Road
New Orleans 17, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Temple:

We were delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. You will notice on the attached receipt that we have credited as a contribution the $1.00 which you sent earlier to cover a mailing-list subscription. As a Council member you will, of course, receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all other materials distributed by the organization.

Copies of the various publications which we are currently distributing were mailed to you several days ago. We hope that you will find this material interesting and helpful.

If we can serve you in any way, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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7/23/45

211 East 7 Street
Lumberton, N.C.
August 8, 1945

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Ack with thanks letter

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your letter of July , the publications you sent, and the invitation to membership in the SRC which I am accepting. I appreciate the opportunity of having such an organization with which to align one's efforts in cooperation with other southern liberals. I shall look forward to receiving the reading material the council sends out.

Sincerely,

Frances Cox

Frances Cox

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEGRO VETERAN-
SF: May-June

July 30, 1945

Miss Frances Cox
211 East 7 Street
Lumberton, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cox:

Your letter of July 7 should have had an earlier reply. We are very sorry, indeed, for the delay in writing you.

Enclosed herewith is a pamphlet entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, which will acquaint you with the background and program of this organization. We are including, also, copies of the SOUTHERN FRONTIER and other materials of the Council.

Although we are too late to give you suggestions for supporting the FEPC, we are sending you herewith a statement which was mailed to our members on June 13.

Several days ago we sent you an invitation to become a member of the Southern Regional Council. We greatly need the cooperation of liberal people in the South, and we trust that you will accept the invitation. As a member you will receive the FRONTIER and all other materials distributed by the Council.

In the event you cannot accept membership at this time, perhaps you would like to subscribe to our mailing list service, for which there is an annual charge of $1.00. This entitles the subscriber to the FRONTIER and all pamphlets issued by the Council during the year.

We shall look forward to hearing from you, and we hope you will let us know if we can be of further service to you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

211 East 7 Street
Lumberton, N.C.
July 7,1945

Gentlemen:

I saw your advertisement in The New Republic, or maybe it was The Nation. Please send me info about the Southern Regional Council, Inc. and a sample copy of The Southern Frontier. Can you suggest any method by which I can give support to the FEPC measure?

I am a liberal, a newspaper woman long employed on the conservative press and studying up for the time when I can work for the liberal press.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Frances Cox
Frances Cox

P.S. Now I remember, the advertisement was in Survey Graphic.

If you have a mailing list, please put me on it. Thank you.

7/27/45

Invitation
FEPC letter

August 8, 1945

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

Many thanks for your check in the sum of $6.00, covering 1945 dues and a contribution of $5.00, which is appreciated very much. A receipt is attached hereto.

Dr. Johnson is away this week on a greatly needed vacation, and we are hoping that he will come back next week feeling refreshed. When he returns he will be writing you about the Executive Committee meeting. I hope, however, that you can arrange to come down on August 22. As you know, that is the regular time for the full committee meeting and I am afraid that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get all the members to return for the local meeting on September 26.

Your "child" is really growing up now! You will have to pay us more frequent visits or you won't know us when you come. We are looking forward to the coming of our two new staff members next week, and we are enjoying Margaret Price very much.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Copy to EBJ

Accepted

August 9, 1945

Mrs. Wesley C. Davis
3332 Milton Avenue
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Davis:

We are delighted to have your letter of August 5, saying that you would like to receive our publications and enclosing a check for $1.00 to cover this service.

In view of your interest in the work of the Council, we assume that you would be willing to have us enroll you as a member of the organization, instead of as a subscriber to our mailing-list service. Accordingly, we are crediting as dues the $1.00 which you sent, and a receipt is attached hereto. We sincerely hope that this will meet with your approval, and we shall appreciate your signing and returning the enclosed card to complete our record.

As a member of the Council you will receive not only our monthly publication THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and all pamphlets issued by the organization during the year, but also occasional bulletins and reports which are not distributed to the mailing-list subscribers. The Council needs the cooperation of a large number of liberal people in the South, and we look forward to receiving your early acceptance of membership.

Copies of recent issues of the FRONTIER, along with the pamphlet materials which we are currently distributing, are being mailed to you today.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

3332 Milton Ave.
Dallas, Texas
August 5, 1945

Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia
Sirs:-

I am interested in the work of the Council and would like to receive its publications. You will find enclosed my check for one dollar, which I understand entitles me to this service.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Wesley C. Davis
3332 Milton Ave.
Dallas 5, Texas

August 10, 1945

Mrs. Attwood R. Martin
1304 Eastern Parkway
Louisville 4, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Martin:

It was so good to have your note of August 6, with which you enclosed your check in the sum of $2.00 for dues and a contribution for 1945. We greatly appreciate the contribution. It isn't the amount which counts as much as the assurance of continued interest and confidence which your contribution brings.

Many, many times I have promised myself to write you a long letter, especially since Mrs. Tilly returned from her visit to Louisville. My intentions are always the best, but there never seem to be sufficient hours in the day for all the things that I plan to do. Some day, however, I shall just take time off and send you more than this brief and formal acknowledgement.

I think of you often and remember the delightful visit we had that time when we were driving back from Tuskegee. That is an occasion which I shall long remember, for it was my first opportunity to talk uninterruptedly with you. I wish that I were near enough to run in and visit with you now.

Our Council is growing rapidly now and, with the enlarged staff, we are expecting to be able to do a much better job, and one of which our members will be proud. I know that we have your best wishes and encouraging support.

Affectionately your friend,

Emily H. Clay

MRS. ATTWOOD R. MARTIN
1304 Eastern Parkway
Louisville 4, Kentucky

August 6, 1945

Dear Emily Clay -

Check enclosed - sorry - owing to illness, doctors, etc - it cannot be more. By next year, if my dear departed husband's estate has come back, as may be, it will be a really substantial check going to you and the Council - Hope all is well with yourself - and with best wishes — Yours

George Madden Martin

August 10, 1945

Mrs. L. W. Alford
Box 128
McComb, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Alford:

There is always a cheerfulness and sincerity about your letters which makes the day brighter for me. The one which brought your check a few days ago was just that kind. Thank you so much for it and for the contribution of $5.00 which was included with your dues for 1945. Both are appreciated very much indeed.

Our Council is growing so rapidly all at once that you would scarcely know us! If the war is over soon -- and it now looks as though it might be, perhaps we shall be allowed to have our annual meeting and you can pay us a visit then. We should be happy to see you again.

Best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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Miss Emily H Clay
Secty Treas S.R.C.
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

Am so happy to send my Membership dues and a small contribution for the Budget.

Enjoy the Southern Frontier and other Communication that come from Your office.

Personal regards to you
And best wishes to Southern R. Council

Cordially -
Mrs. L. W. Alford

McComb
Box 128.

GEORGIA COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

Atlanta, Ga.
Aug. 11, 1945.

Southern Regional Council Inc.
Atlanta Ga.

8/17/45

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed check for $(1.00) One dollar for individual membership for Miss Christine Smith, 737 Barnett St. N.E. who will represent the Georgia Council of Church Women.

Yours truly,

Mrs David S. Wells, Treas.
Ga. Council of Church Women.

August 11, 1945

Mr. Lee M. Favret
805 Lake Park
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Favret:

Dr. Johnson is out of the city just now, but he will be glad to find your letter when he returns next week. In the meantime, I want you to know how much we appreciate the contribution of $5.00 which came with your dues for 1945 and with the four gift subscriptions to our mailing-list service. The interest and confidence which this represents is most encouraging to us.

We are delighted to enter the mailing-list subscriptions as follows: two for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, one for the Louisiana Library Commission, and one for the Library at Southern University. Copies of our various publications, including those mentioned in Dr. Johnson's letter of July 26, are being mailed to them.

When travel conditions become normal again, I hope you will be coming our way sometime. It has been such a long time since we have had the pleasure of a visit from you.

Best wishes to you, and thanks again for your encouraging support.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

COPY

LEO M. FAVROT
805 Lake Park
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

August 6, 1945

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Four dollars of the enclosed check for $10.00 is to be used in subscriptions to your publications as indicated below. Include the publications listed in yours of July 26, 1945.

Two subscriptions to be mailed to East Baton Rouge Parish Library, 700 Laurel St., Baton Rouge, La. (One of these will go to Negro branch library).

One subscription to Louisiana Library Commission, Capitol Grounds, Baton Rouge, La.

One subscription to Library Southern University, Scotlandville, La.

Success to you in carrying on the good work!

Sincerely

(S) Leo M. Favrot

Note +

August 13, 1945

Miss Lillie Hundley
1230 Amsterdam Avenue
Box 299
New York, New York

Dear Miss Hundley:

We are glad to enroll you as an Associate member of the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto, and under separate cover we are mailing you copies of recent issues of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and the various other publications which we have distributed to our members.

In July you sent us your subscription to the FRONTIER. Since you will receive it as a member, however, we wonder whether you would like to have us enter the subscription in the name of a friend who would be interested in receiving the paper. If so, please let us have the name and address.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

7/27/45

MEMO TO MISS CLAY:

Miss Hundley is to be enrolled as an associate member. $1.00 is attached. She recently sent .25 for a FRONTIER subscription, so there may be already a stencil for her.

G.B.J.

E.K. please note

Chk

1230 Amsterdam Ave
Box 299
New York 27, N.Y.

"Southern Frontier".
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find 25 cents in stamps for which send me the "Southern Frontier"

Thanking you

Sincerely,

Lillie Hundley.

Accepted membership for self & authorized m.l. for 23 pastors on his list. (See m.l.)

August 17, 1945

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 9 with the list of pastors of the Colored missions in North Carolina to whom you wish to have us send THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER. The subscriptions will begin with the August issue, which will be off the press later in the month.

Before mailing literature to the pastors, we are sending you under separate cover an assortment of the materials which we are currently distributing. If you wish to make a selection from this assortment, please indicate on the attached publications list those which you would like to have the pastors receive. The pamphlets for which a charge will be made are indicated on the list, or the complete set will be sent for 50 cents. We shall be glad to mail the literature as soon as we have further instructions from you.

If you would like to have the pastors receive all materials distributed by the Council, perhaps you would like to have their names included on the mailing list, which covers THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and any pamphlets issued during the year. The charge for this service is $1.00 annually.

It occurs to us that you might be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council. We should be very glad to have you do so, and we are enclosing an official invitation herewith. As you will see on Page 21 of the pamphlet entitled THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, ITS ORIGIN AND PURPOSE, Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of the Savannah-Atlanta Diocese is a valued member of our Board of Directors.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

August 9, 1945

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The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Kindly send "The Southern Frontier" and any other literature you may publish to the pastors of the Colored missions in North Carolina as given on the enclosed list. I am enclosing a check to cover the subscriptions; let me know if there is any further expense for additional literature.

Note that my address has been changed from Richmond to the above.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Vincent S. Waters
Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh

August 20, 1945

Mrs. John M. Hanna
3621 Stanford Avenue
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hanna:

The contribution of $1.00 which was included with your dues for 1945 is appreciated very much. It isn't the amount which counts so much as it is the interest and confidence which your gift expresses. We appreciate, too, the support which you are giving to the State Committee, and we look forward to having the Texas group a real part of our Council -- and your Council.

I am happy to hear that you are now getting settled in a new home and I hope that you will enjoy it greatly.

My very best wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

MRS. JOHN M. HANNA 3621 Stanford Avenue.
~~3305 DREXEL DRIVE~~ · DALLAS 5, TEXAS

Dear Miss Clay: -

Please find check enclosed - smaller than I could wish, but so much is pressing just now from so many sources, and I have made a special pledge to our Dex. Council to secure a Director for a few months, at least. Our Conference in Ft. Worth in early summer brought us helpful leaders from your Council and new enthusiasms. So glad we are to join hands with the new organization.

My Sister and I moved into a new home on the 1st which suited our needs better. We are now struggling with carpenter and painter but hope to be well settled by Sept. 1st. The new address is

3621 Stanford Avenue - Dallas 5. Tex.

always prayerful good wishes

as ever. Faithfully.

Sallie R. Hanna

(Mrs. John M.)

August 20, 1945

Dr. C. B. Wilmer
Box 69
Tampa 1, Florida

Dear Dr. Wilmer:

Thank you for the check covering your dues for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

It was so good to hear from you again. I think of you frequently and wish that you were near enough so that I could run in and pay you a visit. Your Atlanta friends miss you very much.

I am sorry that I cannot tell you about Dr. Alexander's library, and we do not have in ours the book about which you inquired. If I can find one, though, I will let you know. Dr. Alexander is living in North Carolina now; at least, that's where his home is, on a farm near Chapel Hill, and he commutes between there and Chicago, where the Rosenwald Fund has its office. He has been at home for several months recovering from an illness which kept him in a hospital in Chicago for sometime. I understand that he is much better now and that he will take up his duties again next month. We are hoping that he will pay us a visit in October, anyway.

Best wishes from your friends here.

Affectionately yours,

Emily H. Clay

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Tampa, Florida

WESLEY K. DAVIS, GENERAL MANAGER

WRITTEN FROM
HOTEL MIRASOL

P. O. Box 69
Tampa 1, Fla.
August 8, 1945

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sorry I can do no better.

Dr. Bethune speaks in town tonight and I am sorry I cannot get there.

Sincerely Yours,

C. B. Wilma

C. B. Wilma

P. S. Is there in Dr. Alexander's library a small book on the Catholic Religion or some such title by Staley?

CBW:ae
Enc.

August 21, 1945

Dr. J. A. Simpson
621 - 8th Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Simpson:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate very much the contribution of $2.00 which came with your letter of August 10. A receipt covering your 1945 dues and contribution is attached hereto.

Although you may have had some of our publications, we are sending under separate cover the materials which we are distributing to new members. We hope that these will interest you, and that you will let us know if we can be of service to you at any time.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Missionary to Liberia, Africa, 1899-1919
A District Superintendent for 15 years
Member of the General Conference 1928
Member of the United Methodist Council 1938
Member of the Uniting Conference 1939
Member of the General Conference 1940
Member of the Cent. Jurisdictional Conference

REV. J. A. SIMPSON, D. D.

621 8TH STREET

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Missionary Secretary of the Board of
Home Missions and Church Extension of the
South Florida Conference of the
Central Jurisdictional Conference of the
Methodist Church
(Now Retired)

Aug. 10th 1945.

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL,

63 Auburn Avenue,

Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Kindly accept my thanks and appreciation for the invitation to become a member of The Southern Regional Council. As you are crediting me the one dollar sent for renewal subecription as dues for membership, I enclose for you an aditional amount. $ 2.00

Thankfully yours,

J. A. Simpson

J.A.Simpson

August 6, 1945

Dr. J. A. Simpson
621 - 8th Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Simpson:

Please accept our thanks for the renewal of your subscription to our Mailing List Service.

It occurs to us that you might be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council. We are, accordingly, enclosing an invitation and we hope that you will return the accompanying card, authorizing us to enroll you as a member. We shall, of course, be glad to credit as dues for 1945 the $1.00 which you sent for the Mailing List.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

August 22, 1945

Mr. L. R. Killam
932 Chapin Street
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Killam:

So you are back again in the garden spot of the world! I am sorry not to have had an opportunity to give you my best wishes before you left and to tell you that I had enjoyed knowing you. According to Mr. Weisiger, however, you slipped away so quietly that even he did not give you his blessing.

In spite of the many miles that separate you from this city, we hope that you will continue your interest in the Southern Regional Council, which really is expanding now that we have a more adequate staff. Some of our new literature was mailed to you several days ago, and with this letter I am enclosing a notice of your dues for 1945, in the hope that you will continue your membership. You might be a sort of messenger of good will for the Council in Honolulu. We have occasional requests for literature, and with you as our ambassador we should have many more!

My brother who is a doctor on the hospital ship U.S.S. Repose had a chance to do some sightseeing in and around Honolulu recently when the ship was at Pearl Harbor. He wrote such interesting descriptions of the things he saw there that I have a greater desire than ever to visit the place, so don't be surprised if you see me there in the next year or two.

Greetings from all of us, and we shall be interested to hear what you are working on now.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

August 30, 1945

Mr. E. P. Stephenson
CPS #27
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

We are glad to enroll you as a member of the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate the contribution of $1.00 which was included with your dues for the year 1945. A receipt is enclosed herewith. We are sending under separate cover the publications which we are currently distributing to new members.

Our field representative in Florida is Mrs. Henry Havens, whose home is in Jacksonville. We are sending her a copy of your letter of August 2 and at the first opportunity she will communicate with you relative to cooperation between members of your camp and local citizens of Orlando in interracial work. Mrs. Havens understands the situation in Florida and is best qualified to advise you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Copy to Mrs. Havens

Copy to
Mrs Havens

CPS # 27
Orlando, Florida
August 2, 1945

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

you will find enclosed two dollars ($2.00) for which please accept my application for membership in the S.R.C. Samuel Snipes and others here are interested in knowing when the next general membership meeting will be held.

I have come to this camp since the "orlando Incident", about which Bradford Rowland wrote you over a year ago. There is a great deal of interest and energy within this camp of twenty-five men which could be used to an advantage toward racial work; yet our inexperience causes us to become frustrated and hence lerthargy sets in. Only recently two of us spent a night in the local jail for being in the wrong section of town after eleven o'clock. An active interracial committee in this city would help. Do you have any ideas of how a few unwanted C.O.'s might help get one started? As yet we have not found a white man that is interested enough to take the time to organize such a committee...in fact, it is hard to find a white man that thinks one in necessary.

Any ideas that you have which you think might be helpful would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

E. P. Stephenson

E.P.Stephenson

September 6, 1945

Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we greatly appreciate the contribution of $9.00 which was included with your dues for the year 1945.

Upon receipt of your letter of August 23, we mailed to each of the Pastors on your list the assortment of pamphlets which was sent to you recently. We are, also, including these names on our Mailing List and, in accordance with your request, a statement showing the balance due for the subscriptions for one year is enclosed herewith. We hope that the Pastors will find our materials helpful, and we shall be glad to have them call on us if we can be of assistance to them at any time. It was good of you to send us a report of the meeting of North Carolina Priests in Colored Work which was held in Raleigh last month. We shall be interested in receiving reports of further meetings.

We hope that your travels will bring you to Atlanta sometime and that we may have the pleasure of a visit from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Receipt attached

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
15 NORTH McDOWELL STREET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

August 23, 1845.

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary Treasurer,
Southern Regional Counsil, Inc.
Room 432 63 Auburn Ave N.E.
Atlanta 3 Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of August 17 arrived while I was out of the city. I thank you for the invitation to membership in the Southern Regional Council. I gladly accept and you shall find my card inclosed. I have been on the subscription list of the Southern Frontier at my Richmond Address for some time and did not realize that I was not a member of the Council.

In regard to the list of Pastors in Colored Parishes which was sent to you I wish them to have full membership and to receive the benefit of all the literature sent out from the Headquarters etc. Initially I should like them to receive a package of the pamphlets like the one that was sent to me, and to be on the mailing list of the Southern Frontier and receive any new pamphlets which might be published.

My secretary is now away for several weeks and I am unable to know how much was sent in my last letter, or how many priests were on the list, so if you will be so kind as to bill me for the difference I shall be happy to send you a check immediately. I shall be glad to take care of this annual fee for the priests at least for the first few years.

With sincere appreciation I remain,

Cordially yours,

Vincent S. Waters

Vincent S. Waters,
Bishop of Raleigh.

REDEMPTORIST FATHERS,
Newton Grove, Sampson Co.
North Carolina

RECEIVED
AUG 29 1945
Southern Regional Council

N.C. Priests in Colored Work Meet at Raleigh,

Fifty-five priests of the diocese of Raleigh engaged in colored work responded to the invitation of Most Rev. Vincent Waters, Bishop of the diocese, to meet at the Catholic Orphanage, Raleigh. N.C. on Aug. 21 and 22. The purpose of the conference was the discuss plans to forther the work among the colored and to exchange ideas to aid them in their work.This was the second meeting of its kind held in the diocese. Last year a similar meeting was held at the Redemptorist Monastery, Newton Grove, N.C. Twelve relgious orders were represented at the Raleigh conference and a number of diocesan priests also attended. Every section of the vast diocese was represented.

The meeting opened on Tuesday, Aug. 21st. There were five sessions to the meeting. Each session lasted for one hour and a half. It was an informal affair. The talks weremade from notes and each talk lasted for twenty minutes. Following each talk there was round table discussion on the topic from the floor. Bishop Waters presided at all sessions. The first speaker was Rev. Martin Collins, O.F.M. of Winston Salem, N.C. Father Collins spoke on the "Causes of Relppse and Conversion among the Colored". This priest has organized a fine colored parish in Winston Salem and is well known for his interest in colored work throughout the state. The second speaker was Rev. Maurice Tew, C.P. of Greenville, N.C., former missionary in many parts of the country and for the last ten years pastor of the colored parish in Greenville. He spoke on "Financing a Colored Mission". The third speaker was Rev. David Gannon, S.A. of Kinston, N.C. Father David started the fine parish in the colored section of Kinston five years ago. He has done exceptionally fine work among his flock. His paper was on "Social Work among the Colored". He discussed cooperative and credit unions at length. After the discussion on Social Work Father Francis Howard of Whiteville, N.C. made a report to the priests on the recent work shop of the colored credit unions of Eastern Carolina. Rev. John Dillon, O.P. of Raleigh's colored parish was the fourth speaker at the meeting. His topic was "School Problems among the Colored". Father Dillon has been at Raleigh for five years and in that time has produced results in St. Monica's school there that have drawn admiration fromchurch and civic authorities. Rev. Cornelius Hoffman, C.SS.R. Vice -provincial of the Rdemptorist Fathers of the south had the fifth paper at the conference. He spoke on the "Type of Priest Demanded in Colored Work". Father Hoffman at present resides in Richmond, Va. but directs the work of his Fathers among the colored in many parts of the Raleigh diocese.

At the invitation of the Bishop many prominent guests attended the sessions:- Very Rev. Raphael Grande, S.A. Superior General of the Atonement Fathers in the eastern U.S., Very Rev.Edw. Casserly, S.S.J., Provincial of the Josephite Fathers, Very Rev. Geo. Collins, C.S.Sp., Provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers, Very Rev. Bertrand Campbell, O.F.M., Provincial of the Franciscans, Very Rev. Cornelius Hoffman, C.SS.R., Vice-provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers of the south, Rev. Daniel Egan, T.O.R., of Loretto, Pa., Msgr. J. Gilsenan of Roanoke, Va., Rev. Dr. Edmond Bernard, professor atthe Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and many others. Rev. John Renehan, C.SS.R. acted as chairman at all sessions. Plans were made for another similar meeting next year.

September 7, 1945

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
27 Tremont Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Moron:

Thank you for your letter of September 2, with the check in the sum of $2.00, for which a receipt is attached hereto.

We are delighted to add Mrs. M. G. Clemens to our mailing list, and we hope that she will find our materials interesting.

Recently I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Joseph R. Murphy, of the Social Security Board, who told me that you were a good friend of his. I was greatly pleased to hear of your very high standing at Harvard. Congratulations!

Your friends in Atlanta appreciate the fine contribution which you made toward a better way of life here, and we hope that you will be coming our way again before too long. Meanwhile, we send our best wishes for your continued success.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

27 Fremont Street
Cambridge, 39, Mass
September 2, 1945

Miss Emily Clay
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Miss Clay:

Many thanks for the material you sent me. At this distance, geographical as well as psychological, I need whatever you can send in order to keep remembering that there is work to be done.

I am enclosing a check for two dollars. Irish I could send more. One dollar is for my dues. The second dollar is to cover a membership for the mother of a friend of mine who wants her to receive your publications. Her name and address are:

Mrs. M. G. Clemens
St. Joseph
Michigan
R. D. #1

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Alwyn E. Morin

September 7, 1945

Dr. George C. Engerrand
University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Dr. Engerrand:

Thank you for your letter of August 31. We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council.

As a member you will receive all materials distributed by the Council. Instead of continuing your mailing-list subscription, therefore, we are crediting $1.00 of your check as dues and $2.00 as a contribution, which we appreciate very much indeed.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Receipt attached

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN 12

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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Southern Regional Council

G.E.

August 31st, 1945.

Miss Emily L. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Miss Clay:

answering your kind letter of the 28th I wish to state that I was ashamed of sending just one dollar for such a good cause, so that I added a little to it for whatever use you might have for it. It must be understood that my subscription will expire one year from now and will have to be renewed then.

Thank you for your invitation to join the Southern Regional Council.

I am back from Mexico City where I teach every summer and in my seminar of the Antilles I had, as last year, a young Haitian, Rémy Bastien, which was not by far the least brilliant in that international group.

Respectfully yours,
George C. Engerrand
Prof. of Anthropology

I am an honorary member of the Académie Malgache, a very fine Madagascar scientific body.!

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(adv. invitation)

August 28, 1945

Dr. George C. Engerrand
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Dr. Engerrand:

Thank you for the check in the sum of $3.00 which you sent with the form letter from Miss Kerby notifying you of the expiration of your Mailing List subscription.

Inasmuch as the subscription blank was not enclosed with your check, it is not clear to us how this payment should be credited. We shall appreciate it if you will let us know whether it was intended to cover a three-year personal subscription, or whether two gift subscriptions were included with yours. A blank is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

It occurs to us, however, that you might be interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council. If so, we should be glad to have you fill in and return the card which accompanies the enclosed official invitation, and $1.00 of your check will be credited as dues for the year 1945. Members, of course, receive all Council publications, as well as occasional reports and memoranda.

We shall look forward to hearing from you, and we hope that we may have the pleasure of enrolling you as a member.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

August 13, 1945

Dear Subscriber:

In checking our records, we find that your subscription to our Mailing List Service expired May 1945. A subscription blank is enclosed herewith and we hope that you will let us have your renewal by return mail, in order that you may receive the FRONTIER and other publications without interruption.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Kerby

Evelyn Kerby
Subscription Clerk

Green copy + original letter to Msgr B

September 13, 1945

V. Rev. Msgr. Jos. B. Brunini
Diocesan Chancery Office
107 South Union Street
Natchez, Mississippi

Dear Msgr. Brunini:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we appreciate very much the contribution of $4.00 which was included with your dues for 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

Four copies of each of the publications which we now have for distribution, including recent issues of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, have been mailed to you. In the future you will receive all Council publications, as well as other materials which will be sent to our members from time to time.

We shall be grateful for any publicity concerning our program which you may include in the Mississippi edition of Catholic Action of the South. Our Executive Director, Dr. Guy B. Johnson, will be writing you a little later.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

COPY (Original to GBJ for reply)

DIOCESAN CHANCERY OFFICE
107 South Union St.
Natchez, Miss.

September 4, 1945

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herein please find my personal check for $5.00 with my application for membership in the Southern Regional Council.

I would be grateful to you if you would send me four copies of all of your leaflets and pamphlets, and also put me on your mailing list for THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

I was very much pleased to learn that the Catholic Committee of the South endorsed the program of your Council at its Memphis meeting in 1944. As editor of the Mississippi edition of Catholic action of the South I hope to give your program and aims as much publicity as possible.

Trusting that your work will flourish, and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely

(S) Joseph Brunini
V. Rev. Msgr. Jos. B. Brunini
Diocesan Editor

September 21, 1945

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Thank you very much for the contribution of $24.00 which was included with your dues for the year 1945. Your generous financial support is appreciated very much, indeed, but we are even more grateful for your faithful and loyal cooperation in the development of the Council's program. I am sure that I speak for the other members of the staff when I say that your fine spirit has meant much to us in times past when the sailing has not always been smooth. I am sure that it will mean just as much, or more, in the future.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Receipt attached.

September 24, 1945

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

Thank you very much for your check covering dues for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

The letter which came with your check is greatly appreciated. We must, of course, have money to keep the Council going, but your contribution to the organization is so much more than dollars and cents that you need make no apology for not sending a financial contribution.

Please plan to come down for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and the Council on November 13-14. We shall need you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Richmond Times-Dispatch
PUBLISHED MORNING AND SUNDAY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Zone 11.

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VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

September 8, 1945.

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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been slow about sending in my dues, but the reason was that I had hoped matters would develop in such a way, that I could make an additional contribution. Unfortunately, an unexpectedly heavy expense in connection with the education of my eldest daughter has made it necessary for me to retrench in all other directions, with the result that I am unable to do what I had hoped to do.

I wish you and your associates every success, needless to say.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M
enc.

September 26, 1945

The Rev. Charles Pratt
601 Wythe Lane
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Pratt:

We are delighted to enroll you as a member of the Southern Regional Council, in response to your letter of September 12. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you the current publications of the Council, including our most recent booklet THE SOUTH, AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE. This booklet contains the addresses delivered at the Conference on the South's Post-War Economy, which was sponsored by the Council. As a member, you will receive all materials distributed by the Council during the year, including THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER a monthly publication.

It we can be of service to you at any time, we shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

RICHMOND ROAD • FACING THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Williamsburg, Virginia

Charles Pratt, Minister
The Manse, 601 Wythe Lane

September 12, 1945

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Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Sir:

Please enroll me. I trust you will let me know when the enclosed dollar wears out.

Very truly,

Charles Pratt

September 28, 1945

Rev. Philip J. McLean
Box 405
Newnan, Georgia

Dear Mr. McLean:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto.

Please let us know whenever we can assist you in any way, and be sure to pay us a visit when you come to Atlanta again.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Literature sent previously — when invitation was sent.

September 21, 1945

Rev. Phillip J. McLean
Central Baptist Church
Newnan, Georgia

Dear Mr. McLean:

It has just come to my attention that the pamphlets and invitation to membership which I promised to send to you last month when we talked over the telephone have not yet been mailed. I am very sorry, indeed, for the delay, which was caused by a misunderstanding in the office. These materials are being sent today, however, and we hope that they will be of interest and assistance to you.

We should like very much to have you accept membership in the Council, and we hope that you will return the card which accompanies our invitation, authorizing us to enroll you as a member. In case this does not seem feasible at the present time, however, please let us know and we shall be glad to include your name on our complimentary mailing list.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Central Baptist Church

T. K. BARRON
CHURCH CLERK

PHILLIP JAMES McLEAN
MINISTER

MISS DOROTHY BALLINGER
MINISTER OF MUSIC

Newnan, Georgia

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August 24, 1945

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

For some time I have intended getting my name on your mailing list and taking a more active interest in your work.

I will appreciate having reports and other information from your work both for myself personally and for the purpose of including such as may be of wider interest in a column for THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY. As Dr. Trimmer is leaving Macon I have been asked to supply the column he has been preparing.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip J. McLean

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Central Baptist Church

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October 19, 1945

Dr. M. J. Holmes
Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Dr. Holmes:

We are delighted to have you accept Associate membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your current dues is enclosed herewith.

A copy of the booklet THE SOUTH, AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE is going to you under another cover.

We shall look forward to seeing you on your next visit to Atlanta.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois

MERRILL J. HOLMES
VICE PRESIDENT

October 8, 1945

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Miss Emily H. Clay
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your invitation to become an associate member. I enclose my application for this purpose, together with One Dollar.

If you would send me a copy of the new booklet The South, America's Opportunity Number One, I would indeed appreciate it.

Sent 10/18

When I am in Atlanta again I shall hope to call at the office.

Sincerely yours,

M J Holmes

Merrill J. Holmes

MJH:JLR
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October 5, 1945

Dr. Merrill J. Holmes
Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Dr. Holmes:

A dozen copies of the August FRONTIER were mailed to you last Friday, upon receipt of your letter of September 25, and I intended sending this note on Monday. However, the week has been such a busy one that my correspondence has been neglected, which I regret.

You enclosed much too much for these extra copies. The subscription rate for twelve issues is only 25 cents, so you really have a credit with us. Would you like to have more copies of this issue, or perhaps an extra copy of the new booklet THE SOUTH, AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE, or something else?

For a long time I have intended asking whether you would care to become an Associate of the Southern Regional Council. You have been so interested through the years in the Interracial Commission and now the Council that it seemed to me you might like to be one of us! Our by-laws provide for Associate memberships for people outside our region who want to keep in touch with the Council's activities by receiving the various publications as well as other materials which are sent to the members from time to time. I think I'll just enclose a little card, in case the suggestion appeals to you!

It has been a long time since you were last in Atlanta, or, at least, in our office. We hope that you will be coming our way again now that there are no war restrictions on travel. If you do, be sure to pay us a visit.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois

MERRILL J. HOLMES
VICE PRESIDENT

September 25, 1945

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Will you kindly send me a dozen copies of the Southern Frontier-Volume VI, Number 8, August, 1945 issue? I enclose One Dollar to cover costs hoping that it does so. (cash)

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. J. Holmes

Sent 9/28/45

Merrill J. Holmes

MJH:ew
Encl.

October 19, 1945

Dr. L. E. M. Freeman
Old Fayetteville Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Freeman:

We are delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your annual dues is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you copies of our current publications, including recent issues of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER. Hereafter, you will receive the FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent from time to time as they are issued.

On Page 29 of our pamphlet AMERICA'S TENTH MAN, you will find a suggested reading list. A more exhaustive bibliography is published by the Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois. They will be glad to send you a copy upon receipt of a request from you. A list of helpful pamphlet material may be had from the Bureau for Intercultural Education, 1697 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

If we can be of assistance to you at any time, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

L. E. M. FREEMAN
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:—

Thank you your invitation to become a member of your organization. Inclosed find membership fee. Please send me list of helpful books and pamphlets suitable for reading and study group on race relations.

Respectfully
L. E. M. Freeman.

November 2, 1945

Prof. R. C. Childress
1523 Ringo Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Prof. Childress:

On October 15 we received from Miss Margaret Marshall a request to enroll you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. We are delighted to do so, and a receipt covering your annual dues is attached hereto. We shall appreciate it, however, if you will fill in and return the enclosed card for our files.

An assortment of our current publications was mailed to you some days ago. In the future you will receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent to you from time to time as they are issued.

Please let us hear from you whenever we can be of service.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Notice of meeting enclosed

November 2, 1945

Rev. S. F. Freeman
706 N. Monroe Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Notice of meeting & Card

November 2, 1945

Mr. L. R. Killam
932 Chapin Street
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Killam:

We are delighted to know that your interest in the Southern Regional Council continues, in spite of your being so many miles away. A receipt covering your dues for the year 1945 is attached hereto.

As none of the materials which we have mailed to you have been returned, we assume that they are reaching you all right. You should have THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER each month, so be sure to let us know if you do not receive it.

A little bird told me the other day that things are booming for the Killam family in Honolulu. I am awfully glad to know it, and I hope that they will continue to do so.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

Miss Clay:

Thank you for your letter. Hope we can see you here sometime. I am enjoying my life & work very much.

Aloha.

Lloyd KK

Pacific "SOFT WATER" Laundry
COMPANY, LIMITED

MAIN OFFICE 932 CHAPIN ST. PHONE 66566 HONOLULU 42, T. H.

LLOYD R. KILLAM

November 2, 1945

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
State Board of Public Welfare
133 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

Thank you very much for the contribution of $1.00 which was included with your dues for the year 1945. A receipt is attached hereto.

We are grateful for the assurance of confidence and continuing interest which was contained in your letter of October 24. Such expressions from our members are both encouraging and stimulating.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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CONSULTANT ON NEGRO WORK
133 EAST HARGETT ST.

October 24, 1945

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Mrs. Emily H. Clay - Secretary Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta E. Georgia

Dear Mrs. Clay:

Enclosed you will please find $2.00 for my membership dues in the Southern Regional Council for this year.

I would like to express my appreciations for the privilege of retaining my membership in this organization. Also, I would like to congratulate the Director and the other members of the staff on the excellent job that they are doing in improving the entire southern region for all of its inhabitants.

Sincerely,

John R. Larkins

John R. Larkins

JRL:arp

Enclosure ($2.00)

November 2, 1945

Miss Margaret Marshall
1414 Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Marshall:

We were delighted to enroll as members of the Southern Regional Council the Rev. S. F. Freeman and Professor R. C. Childress, in accordance with your letter of October 12. Copies of our current publications were mailed to each of them some days ago.

Your interest in enlarging the membership of the Council is appreciated very much. We shall be glad to hear of any others who you think might be interested in becoming members.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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1414 Rock, Little Rock

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THE GREATER LITTLE ROCK
INTER-RACIAL COMMISSION
OF
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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Oct. 12, 1945

Dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing two dollars ($2.00) for memberships in the Southern Regional Council, Inc. They are for the following:

Rev. S. F. Freeman 706 N. Monroe St. Little Rock, Arkansas L

Prof. R. C. Childress 1523 Ringo St. Little Rock, Arkansas L

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret Marshall

2845 Corinthian Ave.
Jacksonville 5, Fla.
November 10, 1945

Dear Miss Clay -

Many thanks to you for your note and the good wishes you have expressed. I am more than pleased to be a member of the Southern Regional Council - although - I feel as though I have been initiated many times over by its most ardent supporter.

I trust that your meeting will be a great success - With best wishes to you, I am.

Faithfully yours,

Henry W. Jones, Jr.

November 12, 1945

Mrs. T. C. Clark, Jr.
Box 342, Peabody College
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Clark:

We regret the delay in writing to tell you that your dues for the year 1945 were paid earlier in the year and that we are, therefore, crediting you with the payment of 1946 dues, as shown on the attached receipt. The contribution included with your dues is appreciated very much.

We were delighted to invite Miss Annie Ward Byrd and Mr. Robert S. Denny to become members of the Southern Regional Council, as requested in your letter of October 30. We hope that both of them will accept our invitation, and that you will let us know of others who you think would be interested in Council membership.

Two copies of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill are enclosed herewith. Let us know if you need more.

Thank you for informing us of your change of address. Our list has been corrected accordingly.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

October 30, 1945

The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Sir:

Several of my friends have become intensely interested in the work of the Council and have expressed a desire to become a member. I have shown them the material published by you and they have asked me to write to you asking that application blanks for membership be sent to them. Their names and addresses are as follows:

Miss Annie Ward Byrd; 161 8th Ave., North
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Robert S. Denny; 161 8th Ave., North
Nashville, Tennessee

Both of these are associated with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Miss Byrd in the Editorial Department and Mr. Denny in the Student Department.

Could I have a copy of the condensation of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, please? My address has been changed and is now Box 342; Peabody College; Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. C. Clark, Jr.

Mrs. T. C. Clark, Jr.

November 23, 1945

Mr. Duncan Manning
17 William Street
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mr. Manning:

In spite of the delay in sending this note, we assure you that we were delighted to have you become an Associate of the Southern Regional Council. A receipt covering your current dues is attached hereto.

Under separate cover we are sending you the various publications which we now have for distribution. In the future you will receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent to you occasionally as they are published.

One dozen copies of our pamphlet AMERICA'S TENTH MAN were mailed to you on November 2, in response to your request, and a covering bill is enclosed herewith.

We shall be glad to hear from you whenever we can be of service.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED GAS, COKE AND CHEMICAL WORKERS OF AMERICA

DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 4

17 William Street CIO Newark, New Jersey

Phone MArket 2-1550

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Southern Regional Council

October 26, 1945

Southern Regional Council Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

We would like you to send one dozen copies of your recent pamphlet "America's Tenth Man."

I would also like to become an associate member of the Council and am forwarding the dues of $1.00 for the year so that I may obtain whatever literature you send out.

If there is a charge for the pamphlets I am ordering, please forward a bill to this office and we shall reimburse you for same immediately.

Very truly yours,

Duncan Manning

Duncan Manning
Redording Secretary

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mb/dm

November 23, 1945

Mr. Paul Green
326 Adelaide Drive
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Green:

Please accept our thanks for your check in the sum of $10.00. Inasmuch as your dues have been paid for 1945, we are now crediting you with the payment of 1946 dues in the amount of $2.00 and a contribution of $8.00, which is greatly appreciated.

We hope that you are to be in California only temporarily and that you will be returning to Chapel Hill in the near future. Meanwhile, if we can serve you in any way we shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

November 23, 1945

Prof. M. B. Measamer
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Prof. Measamer:

We were delighted to have you accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and we regret the delay in writing to welcome you as a member. A receipt covering your annual dues is attached hereto.

Upon receipt of your letter of October 15, we mailed you a copy of the pamphlet THE SOUTH, AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE, together with other current publications of the Council. Inasmuch as membership entitles you to all materials distributed by the Council, we have credited as a contribution the 50 cents which you included for a copy of THE SOUTH.

In the future you will receive THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER each month, and other materials will be sent from time to time as they are published. Meanwhile, if we can serve you in any way we shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Enc. Nov. S.F.

Sam Houston State Teachers College

HARMON LOWMAN, PRESIDENT

Huntsville, Texas

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) for which please send me one copy of "The South, America's Opportunity Number One." Also I am sending my membership fee of one dollar (1.00) for membership in the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

M. B. Measamer

M. B. Measamer
Professor of Georgraphy

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
247 HENRY STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

November 26, 1945

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 20 stating that I have been reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years. I am glad to accept this honor and will do my best to be of benefit to the Council.

Cordially yours,

Forrester B Washington

Forrester B. Washington
Director

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November 20, 1945

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
247 Henry Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Washington:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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December 4, 1945

Mrs. A. Stuart Robertson
Orange, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Robertson:

Thank you very much for your check in the amount of $2.00. This has been credited as dues for the year 1946, inasmuch as your 1945 dues were paid earlier in the year. A receipt is attached hereto.

We are glad to have you continue your membership and to "lift your voice" in behalf of the Council's program when the occasion arises. We hope that sometime in the future, however, we may have the pleasure of seeing you at one of our meetings.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

RAY WARWICK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

October 24, 1945

Dear Council Member:

Enclosed herewith is the official notice of the annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning November 14, 1945, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

We shall appreciate it if you will fill in and return the accompanying blank as quickly as possible, indicating whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. If you cannot be present, will you also execute the proxy which is provided. This is essential, inasmuch as a quorum of "not less than one-fourth of the entire membership" is required for the transaction of business. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

P. S. Some of our members have overlooked paying their 1945 dues, and a few have not paid for the year 1944. If you have not sent your dues won't you please do so when you return the enclosed blank?

I am an exceedingly busy housewife - with children & grand children rushing in and out, so I can do little about this Burning Question but pay my dues; and lift my voice on suitable and unsuitable occasions! I have forgot what

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the dues are and when I last paid. Enclose $2.00 to be applied.

Cordially,
Lucy B. Robertson

(Mrs A. Stuart)

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS 19, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 24, 1944

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill
North Carolina

Dear Doctor Odum:

I have received the five copies of RACE AND RUMORS OF RACE and have already distributed them to some friends in New Orleans. One copy I gave to Dr. John M. Fletcher, Professor of Psychology at Tulane University, who has recently agreed to serve as chairman of a race relations committee which is being set up through our Council of Social Agencies. Dr. Fletcher is rather enthusiastic about what the committee can do and it has occurred to me that it would be very helpful to him and to our local situation if Dr. Fletcher could be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council on February 17. Would you mind inviting Dr. Fletcher to attend this meeting and, if possible to do so, offer to pay his expenses from Council Funds. I know that he does not have a travel expense budget at Tulane for such purposes as this.

Another enthusiastic and influential person is Miss Mary Raymond, Executive Secretary of the Council of Social Agencies, 211 Camp Street. If you think well of inviting her to the Council meeting for the contribution which we would make to her thinking and possibly for the contribution which she would make to the thinking of the group, I would be pleased to have you extend an invitation to her. You would not need to offer her traveling expenses. I would encourage her to come and ask her to provide her own expenses from the Council of Social Agencies.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:McA
c.c. Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. Will W. Alexander

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

January 25, 1944

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the charter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday February 16, 1944, beginning at 2:30 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

Copy for Dr. Johnson

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

February 7, 1944

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
TEMPORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Our Counsel has advised us that in order to become duly "organized" under our Charter we must follow these procedures: (1) The Incorporators must designate the charter members and (2) the charter members must meet, adopt by-laws, and elect officers and directors. The Incorporators (Dr. Odum, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. Clement, Bishop Moore, and Mr. McGill) are designating as charter members all members of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and all active participants in one or more of the conferences leading to the formation of the Council. This means that quite a number of people are being invited to the February 16-17 meeting in addition to the thirty-nine members of the temporary Board of Directors. This will make the meeting a true "charter member" meeting.

In the first session, beginning on the afternoon of February 16, we shall all be meeting as charter members to work out the by-laws and government of the Council. It is anticipated that the meeting will ratify the various pre-incorporation actions of the Board and of the Executive Committee and make them actions of the incorporated Council, so that the temporary Board of Directors would, in all probability, become the duly elected first Board of Directors of the corporation. After these matters are disposed of, the Directors will meet for the election of officers of the Board, the election of committees, etc.

I give you this information so that you will understand what procedures will be followed and why the charter meeting will have a considerably larger attendance than we originally expected. Because of the larger attendance, the meeting will be held in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building of Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, instead of in the Administration Building.

I am enclosing some materials which Dr. Reid and I have prepared as a basis for the discussion of by-laws, program, and methods for the Council. Please give them your thoughtful attention and bring them with you to the meeting. on February 16.

Since we must have a majority of charter members present, in person or by proxy, please indicate your acceptance of charter membership and fill in the proxy blank which is enclosed.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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Dr. Guy Johnson,
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Guy:-

I had to leave the other day to check out of the hotel before you finished the meeting. I wanted to congratulate you on the report. The meeting went off fine with little friction. I think you are well on the way with troublesome preliminaries back of you.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Cole

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia
February 22, 1944

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, with the names and addresses of the persons whom you nominated for membership. You will be interested to know that Mr. Wilson Brown is already a charter member of the Council, having accepted the invitation extended to him because of his participation in one of the earlier meetings. Invitations will be sent to Mr. Wilmer and Mr. Pollard tomorrow, when we shall have some printed letterheads.

I understood perfectly your not riding to town in my car following the meeting Wednesday evening, but I appreciate your explanation, nevertheless. Dr. Alexander, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Foreman finally decided to go to town immediately following the meeting, so I had company after all.

A check to cover your statement of expenses is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

Richmond Times-Dispatch

PUBLISHED MORNING AND SUNDAY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Zone 11.

VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

February 18, 1944.

Miss Emily H. Clay,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta, 3,
Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

As you know, I had to catch a train yesterday, and I did not have a chance to tell you that I would send you the missing addresses of the three persons placed on the Board of Directors at my suggestion. They are Wilson M. Brown, State-Planters Bank and Trust Company, 9th and Main Streets, Richmond, 19, Va., T. Wilson Wilmer, c/o Chewning and Wilmer, 1100 Hull Street, Richmond, 24, Va., and John Garland Pollard, Jr., "Belle Isle Farm", Lancaster County, Somers, Virginia.

I also wanted to explain to you what may have seemed curious conduct on my part on the previous evening when you were good enough to offer a ride to town. You will recall that Julian Harris had declined a similar offer graciously made by you, because he had said he was going to go back to town with me, and you did not have room for another. ~~one.~~ Then, when it turned out that you were looking for someone to go with you, I would have gladly done so, but since Mr. Harris had insisted on staying with me, I could not drop him and go with you. I think you may have understood this, but I am not sure, and I wanted you to know that I appreciated greatly your courtesy.

I enclose a statement of my expenses, which I believe you desire me to file.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

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enc.

February 23, 1944

Mr. Lorimer D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

The charter member meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held in Atlanta February 16-17, voted to extend the privilege of charter membership to certain additional persons. Your name was among those who are to be enrolled as charter members upon their acceptance of election. You were also elected to the first Board of Directors of the Council.

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Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

710 STANDARD BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

February 24, 1944

Dr. William E. Cole
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cole:

At the charter meeting of the Southern Regional Council, you were elected to the Board of Directors.

We hope that you will accept election and will cooperate in the work of the Council in every way that you can.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Sorry that you had to leave before the show was over. Guy

Glad to accept,
Bill

JOHN O. RAWORTH, PRES. F. C. WILLCOXON, GEN'L SEC'Y

JUNIUS WARD JOHNSON MEMORIAL
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I shall be glad to serve as a member of the Southern Regional Council Inc. Board of Directors.

I am sorry I could not attend the charter meeting but at that time I was busy with a real case of "flu".

I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. C. Willcoxon

2/26/44

NORFOLK VIRGINIAN-PILOT
MORNING AND SUNDAY

NORFOLK LEDGER-DISPATCH
EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY

NORFOLK NEWSPAPERS, INC.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

February 26,1944

Mr. Guy B.Johnson,Executive Director,
Southern Regional Cpuncil, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta (10) Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of February 23 apprising me of my election to the charter membership of Southern Regional Council,Inc., and to the Council's first board of directors.

I shall, of course, be happy to serve in this capacity or in any other in furtherance of the Council's high and important dedication.

With high regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Louis I. Jaffe

Louis I. Jaffe, Editor,
The Virginian-Pilot

Elected to charter membership and to the Board — not present at meeting.

Accepted

February 23, 1944

Mr. Louis I. Jaffe
Virginian Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

The charter member meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held in Atlanta February 16-17, voted to extend the privilege of charter membership to certain additional persons. Your name was among those who are to be enrolled as charter members upon their acceptance of election. You were also elected to the first Board of Directors of the Council.

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Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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February 28, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 24th, advising me of my election to the Board of Directors. I have real pleasure in accepting my election and assure you I will do what little I can to further the work of the Council, in which I am vitally interested.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund M. Preston

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DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS 19, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Johnson:

In response to your letter of February 24, I want to assure you that I am happy to accept election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and that I will want to cooperate in the work of the Council in every way possible.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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CIO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
Southeastern Region
75 Ivy Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

February 28, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is a pleasure to accept the election, notified in your letter to me of February 23, to charter membership and membership on the Board of Directors of the Council.

You may be sure that I shall do all I can to help with a program that has so many able and thoughtful Southern people behind it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell

Accepted

February 23, 1944

Mr. George S. Mitchell
75 Ivy Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

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Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

February 23, 1944

Mr. John Garland Pollard, Jr.
Belle Isle Farm
Lancaster County
Somers, Virginia

Dear Mr. Pollard:

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Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

March 6, 1944

Mr. R. B. Herbert
310-312 Palmetto Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Herbert:

I am delighted that you are going to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. The by-laws which were adopted provide that the annual meeting of members shall be held on the second Wednesday in October. Since the Board of Directors would meet immediately after the meeting of the members it would sit either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. Of course, there may be occasions when special meetings of the Board will be needed, but it is our hope that unless some unusual situation arises the Executive Committee will be able to take care of all routine affairs.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you before many weeks, I am

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ/j

R. BEVERLEY HERBERT

GEORGE L. DIAL, JR.

HERBERT & DIAL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
310-312 PALMETTO BUILDING
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Feb. 26, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of Feb. 24th and appreciate being elected on the Board of Directors. I will be glad to serve and will make every effort to attend the meetings.

I am director and attorney for the South Carolina National Bank, quite a large institution, and we have our directors' meetings on the third Thursday in each month. If I find your meetings are set on such dates as conflict, I am afraid I will have to resign but perhaps we can work this out.

Again thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

R. B. Herbert

R. B. Herbert.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

March 8, 1944

Dr. Guy Johnson, Director
Commission on Interracial Cooperation
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I accept the election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council and shall be happy to cooperate in any way I can with you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Hawkins Brown

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown

CHB/rer

November 20, 1945

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Palmer Memorial Institute
Sedalia, North Carolina

Dear Doctor Brown:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you will reconsider your intention of resigning as expressed in your recent letter and will accept reelection. The Council needs the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:ms

March 18, 1944

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Mr. T.W. W ilmer
1100 Hull Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilmer:

Thank you for your letter of March 13. We quite understand your position, and we would not want to urge you against your own judgment.

We are glad that you are willing to be a member of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

G. C. CHEWNING, M. E.

T. W. WILMER, E. E.

CHEWNING & WILMER
INC.
ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTORS & ENGINEERS

TELEPHONE: 2-0133

OFFICE: 1100 HULL STREET

RICHMOND, VA.

March 13, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson;

Thank you for your letter of March 6th. I will be very glad to become a member of the Council but in view of the probable duties required of a member of the Board of Directors, and the difficulty which I should experience in attending meetings of the Board, I feel that I should decline to accept a position on the Board of Directors.

I trust that you will understand my position in this matter and that I may be of some help in my capacity as a member only.

Yours very truly,

T. W. Wilmer

T. W. Wilmer

TWW;f

March 6, 1944

Mr. T. W. Wilmer
1100 Hull Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilmer:

Thank you for your letter of February 25. The financial obligations of members of the Council will be very small. At the charter meeting there was some discussion of the question of dues. It was voted that we charge dues and that they be not less than one dollar a year, but the exact amount was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. This Committee will meet within the next two weeks to settle this and other matters, but I think that it is safe to say that dues will be from one to five dollars a year. Although members will be given an opportunity to contribute beyond the amount of their dues they will not be obligated to do so, and we shall certainly not bring any pressure to bear upon them.

As for meetings of the Board of Directors, our by-laws provide for one regular annual meeting immediately following the annual meeting of members which will take place on the second Wednesday of October. There might be extraordinary occasions which would call for special meetings of the Directors, but we hope that ordinarily the Executive Committee could take care of practically all routine matters which come up between annual meetings of the Board.

Hoping that you will be able to serve as a member of the Board and assuring you of our appreciation for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ/j

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RICHMOND, VA.

February 25, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23rd. I am deeply interested in the work being carried on by the Southern Regional Council but before accepting membership for a place on the Board of Directors I feel that I should know more about the obligations connected with such membership.

Please be good enough to write me what financial obligations if any are connected with membership, and whether or not the Board of Directors would be called upon to meet oftener than once per year as indicated in your letter. I am so situated that it is very difficult for me to be away from Richmond, and I do not feel that I should accept this post if it is going to be impossible for me to perform the duties which would naturally be expected of me.

Again thanking you for your letter and assuring you of my deep interest, I am

Yours very truly,

T. W. Wilmer

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TWW;f

February 23, 1944

Mr. T. Wilson Wilmer
c/o Chewning and Wilmer
1100 Hull Street
Richmond 24, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wilmer:

The charter member meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held in Atlanta February 16-17, voted to extend the privilege of charter membership to certain additional persons. Your name was among those who are to be enrolled as charter members upon their acceptance of election. You were also elected to the first Board of Directors of the Council.

As you may know, the Southern Regional Council was chartered by the State of Georgia on January 6, 1944. Its purpose, as stated in the charter is "the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts toward regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives."

Our by-laws provide for an annual meeting of members on the second Wednesday in October, followed immediately by a meeting of the Board of Directors. Additional meetings of the Board may be called from time to time. The Council will bear the expenses of travel of Board members.

Will you please let us know as soon as possible whether you accept election to charter membership and to the Board of Directors? We sincerely hope that you will accept election and will give the Council your wholehearted support. The need for intelligent thinking and constructive social action in the South is greater today than ever before, and the Council can do much to fill this need if the white and Negro leadership of the South will combine their efforts.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

March 18, 1944

Mr. L.D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

I had hoped to get around to see you personally before now and thank you for your letter of March 8, but this job is keeping me on the go night and day. We are glad that you have accepted membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and we greatly appreciation your cooperation.

I suppose you will be attending the meeting of the Howard University trustees in April. I hope to see you then, if not before.

With highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

THE CITIZENS TRUST COMPANY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 8, 1944.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Please do not interpret my delay in replying to your letter of February 23rd as lack of interest. I have been trying to decide whether or not I could effectively serve in the capacity to which I was elected by the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

I am distinctly honored in being enrolled as a charter member of the Council and in being elected to the first Board of Directors. I have now determined to accept the election and to promise you my best efforts and cooperation in carrying forward the aims of the Southern Regional Council.

The program of the Council has been watched with interest by all thinking people of the South and of the United States. It seems peculiarly fitted to our difficult problems and I cannot help but believe that it is a move in the right direction. You may call on me at all times for whole-hearted cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours,

L. D. Milton,
President.

LDM:B

Board

Re: John Garland Pollard, Jr.

March 24, 1944

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

Following the charter meeting of the Council, we wrote Mr. John Garland Pollard, Jr., inviting him to become a charter member of the Council and of the Board of Directors. So far, however, we have heard nothing from him. We should like very much to know whether he will accept membership and, since he was nominated by you, we are wondering whether you could help us to get a reply from him. We shall greatly appreciate your assistance.

Perhaps Mr. T. Wilson Wilmer has told you that he accepted membership in the Council, but felt that he could not serve on the Board.

Sincerely yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

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VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

March 27, 1944.

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am sorry you have not heard from Mr. Pollard. I have just written him urging him to accept membership on the Board.

It is too bad Mr. Wilmer did not feel able to be a member of the Board. He would have been a big help.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M

V.D.: Pollard writes
that he has not yet accepted.

Belle Isle Farm, Lancaster County, Somers, Va.
ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK

CLOVER SEED
SOY BEANS
SMALL GRAINS
CORN
ALFALFA HAY
TOMATOES
ANGUS CATTLE
SWINE
OYSTERS
MUSKRATS

LIEUT. H. LEE BOATWRIGHT, USNR, ON DUTY
J. GARLAND POLLARD, JR.

T. T. JACKSON, JR.
ROY WILLIAMS

March 28,1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I accept with pleasure your invitation to become a member of the Southern Regional Council.

My failure to answer your letter sooner has been due to my inability to place your organization exactly. However, a letter from Mr. Dabney received this morning clarifies the matter.

Certainly the purposes of the Council as stated in your quotation from the charter are very fine indeed. The objectives merit the support of all right-thinking citizens.

As to what help may be derived from my association with the Council, I shall not hazard a guess. My interest in race problems springs from my Christian convictions; and I am ready and anxious to devote some time and effort toward such purposes as set forth in your charter.

If you are willing to take a chance on Mr. Dabney's recommendation, I will gladly serve on the Board of Directors, and I will definitely plan to attend the meetings.

In closing, allow me to congratulate you for undertaking the job as Executive Director. I can think of no greater public service.

Sincerely,

J. Garland Pollard Jr

Pollard

November 20, 1945

Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr.
Belle Isle Farm
Lancaster County
Somers, Virginia

Dear Mr. Pollard:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14, you were reelected to membership on the Board of Directors for a term of four years.

We trust that you are willing to accept reelection and that you will continue to give the Council the benefit of your wisdom and experience.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:MS

SECOND-PONCE DE LEON BAPTIST CHURCH
PEACHTREE ROAD AT WESLEY AVENUE
ATLANTA, GA.

CHURCH OFFICE
2715 PEACHTREE ROAD, N.E.

RYLAND KNIGHT
PASTOR

March 28, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I appreciate very much your invitation to be one of the directors of the Southern Regional Council, and shall be happy to accept.

Sincerely,

Ryland Knight

THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 13, 1944

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
594 University Place, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Southern Regional Council, has authorized me to issue a call for a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in Atlanta at 2:00 P. M., on Friday, April 28, 1944, in the Exhibition Room of the Library, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, N. W.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, Dr. Odum was elected President and several other matters were given attention, but there are some very important matters which need to be acted upon by the whole Board in order that the Council may function more efficiently.

Within the next week we shall send you some materials for your consideration in preparation for the meeting of the Board. I trust that you can be present at this meeting, for we are at a crucial point in the definition of policy and program for the Council. A reply card is enclosed for your convenience.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m
Enclosure

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN, PRESIDENT

J. W. BURKE, TREASURER
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GIBSONVILLE, N. C.

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IN MEMORY OF ALICE FREEMAN PALMER

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SEDALIA, NORTH CAROLINA
(10 miles east of Greensboro)

15 April 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta,(3),Georgia

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I deeply regret that I must be absent from this very important meeting. I shall be in that section of the country, but I am scheduled to a night meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association of Alabama where I am to speak. I could scarcely break this engagement made so long ago, but I am definitely interested in the program of the Southern Regional Council and shall promise to be present at future meetings.

In the light of the recent decision of the Supreme Court, our Council has a trememdous task of interpreting democratic ideals to all our people. I rejoice in the leadership that you can give.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Hawkins Brown

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown

CHB/rer

EDGAR B. STERN
EIGHT FORTY UNION STREET
NEW ORLEANS 12

April 15, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of April 13th addressed to Mr. Stern calling a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in Atlanta on Friday, April 28th.

Unfortunately, Mr. Stern is out of the city, and will not return until the end of the month, and no doubt will regret the necessity of missing the meeting. However, I am forwarding your invitation to him, so that he will know the meeting is being held.

Sincerely yours,

M. Baptist

Secty. to Mr. Stern

MBaptist

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April 17, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am very sorry indeed that I shall not be able to be present for the Board Meeting on the 28th. There is an important meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hampton Institute in New York on that date, and as there are some vitally important matters to be attended to in connection with the incoming President, I feel it is my duty to go to New York as I am on two special committees handling some special matters.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Jaffe this morning I urged him to go. I have also written Mr. Dabney asking him to attend. I hope you will have a good attendance and that you will be able to get such matters as you wish cleared by the Board.

Was very glad to see you at the Howard Board Meeting.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

P. B. Young

P. B. YOUNG

PBY:LHL

April 21, 1944

To the Family of
Dr. J. R. E. Lee
Florida A. and M. College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Friends:

The members of the staff of the Southern Regional Council were grieved to have news of the death of Dr. Lee. Tallahassee and Florida have lost a noble citizen, who had the respect of all who knew him, and the Southern Regional Council has lost a member on whom it had counted for guidance and support. To each of you we extend sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College

J. R. E. LEE, PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 8, 1944

Mr. Guy B Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 6, I am advising that I shall be pleased to render whatever service I can as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

Let me express for you, as the Executive Director, the degree of success in your leadership which your loyalty and devotion so richly deserve.

Yours very truly,

J. R. E. Lee

J R E Lee, President

JREL:ACBB

75 Ivy Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia
April 24, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Guy:

I am sorry that I had a trip all planned for Jacksonville and Savannah that will take me out of town on Friday, the 28th, so that I cannot be at the meeting of the Council. It is a real loss to me not to be present.

I shall read all the material that you sent and shall come over and talk to you after the meeting to try to repair my absence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Atlanta, Georgia - April 28, 1944

The Board of Directors met in the Men's Lounge of the Atlanta University Dormitory at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon April 28, 1944. Pictures were taken by LIFE photographers, after which the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Howard W. Odum.

The Secretary was asked to call the roll, and the following members were present: Howard W. Odum, Chairman, Will W. Alexander, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Wilson M. Brown, Ernest Delpit, A. W. Dent, Clark Foreman, Leonard Haas, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, Luther P. Jackson, Louis I. Jaffe, Charles S. Johnson, Guy B. Johnson, Ryland Knight, E. A. McDowell, T. James McNamara, Benjamin E. Mays, Lorimer D. Milton, John Garland Pollard, Jr., Ira DeA. Reid, James L. Robb, G. D. Rogers, R. L. Russell, Phillip Shulhafer, Forrester B. Washington, John H. Wheeler, and Josephine Wilkins.

Since mimeographed copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Special Committee on February 17 and the Executive Committee on March 22 were sent to the members of the Board, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes be approved without being read at the meeting.

Brief statements concerning their activities since the Charter meeting were made by the two Executive Directors, and Dr. Reid presented a Memorandum on Program, which was prepared at the request of the Executive Committee on March 22. The program for 1944-1945 was outlined as follows:

1. The initiation of an annual closed conference of major agencies working on problems of social amelioration in the South, at which would be presented:

   a. Appraisals of current problems in the region;
   b. Dicussions of effective, concerted technique in handling them;
   c. Proposals for concerted action at regional, state and local levels.

2. The development of an effective educational program, which would include:

   a. Periodic general and special news releases from SRC on problems of immediate interest, such as the white primary and the poll tax; the preparation of petitions and special pleas, when necessary.

   b. Cultivation of personal contacts with public officials throughout the region.

   c. The distribution of a series of Southern Regional Council pamphlets on the South. These pamphlets will be designed to define the problems covered and point the way to such action as is desirable.

3. The coordination and stimulation of state and local action groups to work on the following problems:

a. Public Safety and the Community. This program will be designed to secure more impartial law enforcement and better law observance within the Southern communities. In this connection, the Southern Regional Council, in cooperation with some of the leading universities in the South, would seek to promote one or more institutes for police administrators, with emphasis on the problems of post-war race tensions. Preliminary conferences in this connection have been promising.

b. Household Employment. This program will be designed to establish more satisfactory norms and working relationships for household employment in the local communities.

c. Race Relations. This program will be a continuation of the general work conducted by the various interracial committees, and will be concerned with problems of racial good will and understanding.

d. Social Legislation. The SRC will encourage desirable social legislation within the Southern states and will seek to have certain antisocial and undemocratic laws removed from the statute books.

This program represents an abridgement of the initial plan presented in February, and one which might be effected as soon as the professional staff is employed.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, was asked to report on actions of the Committee at the meeting during the morning. He read the following recommendations for membership on the Board of Directors to fill the three vacancies which have occurred since the Charter meeting:

That Miss Lillian Smith, of Clayton, Georgia, be elected to fill the vacancy created by the election of Dr. Howard W. Odum to the presidency of the Council; that Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by inability of Mr. T. Wilson Wilmer to accept Board membership; and that Archbishop Robert Emmet Lacey, of San Antonio, Texas, be elected to fill the vacancy which resulted from the death of Dr. J. R. E. Lee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED that these recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved.

Dr. Johnson explained that, since certain states have inadequate representation on the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee asked that the Board recommend the election of the following additional Board members:

ARKANSAS- Dean T. S. Staples, Hendrix College, Conway;
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong, President of the National Colored P.T.A., Marianna;

FLORIDA- Walter Matherley, Dean of the School of Business Administration, University of Florida, Gainesville;

KENTUCKY- Charles W. Anderson, only Negro member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, Louisville;

MISSISSIPPI- Jacob Reddix, President of Jackson College, Jackson;

NORTH CAROLINA- N. C. Newbold, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh;

OKLAHOMA- O. D. Duncan, of the faculty of A. and M. State College, Stillwater;

TENNESSEE- Z. A. Looby, Attorney, Nashville.

Mrs. Henry Havens, of Jacksonville, Florida, said that since the death of Dr. J. R. E. Lee, of Tallahassee, Florida now has only one Negro representative on the Board of Directors, while the addition of Dean Matherley increases the white membership to three. She, therefore, requested that Dr. H. D. Goode, a dentist of Pensacola, be elected to the Board of Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the name of Dr. H. D. Goode, of Pensacola, Florida, be added to the list submitted by the Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that these nine persons be elected to membership on the Board of Directors, their terms to begin in October, 1944.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the persons nominated for Board membership who are not now members of the Council be elected to membership.

Mrs. Ames expressed the opinion that women should have better representation on the Board. She asked that, in making up the next list of nominees, there be some effort to balance the membership, not only according to race but also according to sex.

The following recommendation from the Executive Committee was read:

That the relation between the Southern Regional Council and all state and local organizations having aims and purposes similar to those of the Council be informal and cooperative, the details to be worked out by the two Executive Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

The summary of the budget for the year 1944 was reported, as follows:

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries:	Now employed	$ 17,045	
	To be employed (adjusted for six months)	4,780	$ 21,825
Travel:	Meetings of Board of Directors and Executive Committee	$ 1,500	
	Staff	6,000	7,500
Overhead and Maintenance			5,450
Promotion and Publications			7,000
Contingency Fund			2,225
			$ 44,000
INCOME			
Assured:	Julius Rosenwald Fund	$ 25,000	
	General Education Board	12,000	
	Board of Missions, The Methodist Church	1,000	
Anticipated:			
	Board of Missions, Woman's Work, The Methodist Church	1,000	
	Dues and contributions from members, literature receipts, miscellaneous	1,500	40,500
ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR 1944 BUDGET			$ 3,500

In commenting on the budget, Dr. Odum said he was convinced that there would be no difficulty in raising the balance of $3,500 needed for the year.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the budget be adopted.

The question was asked whether the appropriations from the foundations were made for one year, only, or for a period of years. Dr. Odum replied that the General Education Board appropriation was for a five-year period, and Dr. Alexander said that the officers of the Julius Rosenwald Fund were thinking in terms of a three-year appropriation.

The following recommendations from the Executive Committee were read:

RESOLVED- That whereas the Board of Directors believes that it is in keeping with common practice and in the interest of efficiency for the Executive Directors to be members of the Executive Committee, it recommends to the members that the by-laws be amended as follows:

That that part of Article V, Section 1, which reads:

The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and Vice Presidents, who shall be ex officio members, selected from the membership of the Board in such way as the Board may determine,

be amended to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director, all of whom shall be ex officio members, selected from the membership of the Board in such way as the Board may determine.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded an unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Board recommend to the members at the next annual meeting that the by-laws be amended as requested by the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED- That the Committee ask the Board of Directors to recommend that that part of Article VI, Section 1, which reads:

The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board,

be amended by striking out the words:

except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the Board recommend to the members at the next annual meeting that the by-laws be amended as requested by the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED- That the by-laws be amended as follows:

That that part of Article V, Section 2, which reads:

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be constituted of such number as may be determined by the Board of Directors but not fewer than four (4) members, exclusive of ex officio members, be amended to read:

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than six (6) members of the Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Board recommend to the members at the next annual meeting that the by-laws be amended as requested by the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED- That pursuant to the authority granted by Article V, Section 4, of the by-laws, the Board of Directors create the following standing committees: Committee on Finance, Committee on Membership, Committee on Public Relations, Committee on Publications, Committee on Fellows; and that the Chairman of the Board be instructed to appoint these Committees with the understanding that Committee members need not be limited to members of the Board of Directors. Each Committee shall report regularly to the Board and shall make such recommendations as it deems wise.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Committee on Membership shall have general supervision over questions pertaining to the election of members, shall receive nominations and requests for membership, and shall authorize the Executive Director or the Secretary to extend an invitation to membership to such persons as the Committee may approve, all such elections being subject to confirmation at the next meeting of members or of the Board of Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

12. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Committee on Finance shall have general supervision over the budget, auditing of the accounts, and the securing of funds to finance the program of the Council.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

13. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Committee on Public Relations shall advise with the Executive Staff on matters pertaining to public relations.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

14. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Committee on Publications shall advise with the Executive Staff on matters pertaining to publications and editorial policy.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

15. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Committee on Fellows be authorized to select and appoint honorary fellows as provided in Article III, Section 1, of the by-laws, and that the Committee have general supervision over the activities of the fellows.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

16. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

17. IT WAS VOTED that the Chairman of each Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

Dr. Washington called attention to the fact that the program of the Southern Regional Council which was presented at the Charter meeting provided for several divisions in addition to the division on race relations. In this connection, he said that the Council is confining itself too closely to race relations and that he would like to have two additional committees appointed- a Committee on Economic Affairs and a Committee on Civic Affairs, on which white and colored people would work together.

Dr. Odum said "these will come as soon as we are ready to set up a final functional committee."

Dr. Washington asked whether there would be any harm in having a Committee on Economic Affairs and a Committee on Civic Affairs. He said that he would like to see the two groups thinking on the matter of improving the economic conditions in the South.

Dr. Reid cited the program memorandum which had been presented earlier in the meeting and contended that it was not confined to race relations and that it covered some significant civic and economic problems of the South.

Mrs. Hamilton suggested that it might help to have a standing committee on program that would work on improvements in the outline presented by the Executive Directors.

Dr. Washington moved-

That a committee be added to devise a program which will involve economic, civic, and racial objectives, as indicated in our Charter.

Msgr. McNamara called attention to the fact that the members at the charter meeting voted to devote their attention to the Commission on Race (Human) Relations during this first year.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

18. IT WAS VOTED that the motion to set up a Committee on Economic Affairs and a Committee on Civic Affairs be tabled.

The following resolutions from the Executive Committee were read:

RESOLVED- That on the approval of the Committee on Membership such qualified persons as may be nominated by members or may request in writing the privilege of membership may be notified by the Executive Director or the Secretary that they are invited to membership, subject to confirmation at the next meeting of members or Directors, and may, upon their acceptance, enjoy all the rights and privileges of members.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

19. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That all members who are not more than twelve months in arrears in payment of dues and whose conduct and public utterances are in general accord with the aims and purposes of the Council as set forth in the charter shall be declared members in good standing, and that all members in good standing thirty (30) days before the date of any meeting of the members be entitled to vote at such meeting.

RESOLVED, further- That any member who has failed to pay dues for twenty-four (24) months and who, after notice by the Secretary-Treasurer, fails to pay his dues within thirty (30) days, or who is otherwise not in good standing, shall be dropped from membership.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

20. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the First National Bank of Atlanta is hereby approved as the depository for the funds of the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. Forrester Washington suggested that the Citizens Trust Company of Atlanta be also designated as a depository for the Council.

Therefore, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

21. IT WAS VOTED that the First National Bank and the Citizens Trust Company are hereby approved as the depositories for the funds of the Southern Regional Council.

The following resolutions for the Executive Committee were read:

RESOLVED- That the Bond with the National Surety Corporation in the amount of $37,500, covering the positions of Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, and Secretary-Treasurer, is hereby approved by the Board of Directors.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

22. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the Executive Director be authorized to secure the services of Harold C. Carson, Certified Public Accountant, to audit the books of the corporation.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

23. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

RESOLVED- That the office of counsel be created as authorized in Article VI, Section 10, of the by-laws, and that Mr. Leonard Haas be elected counsel for the corporation.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

24. IT WAS VOTED that the resolution be adopted.

Dr. Charles Johnson asked Dr. Guy Johnson to read a statement concerning the Supreme Court decision in the Texas primary case, which the Executive Committee had recommended to the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Ames offered a motion that the words "let us all be calm and wise" be deleted from the statement. After discussion and on motion duly seconded and carried, with one dissenting vote-

25. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation not be accepted.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

26. IT WAS VOTED that the words "in some of the Southern states" be substituted for the words "in the South."

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

27. IT WAS VOTED that the statement be adopted, as follows:

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the exclusion of Negroes from the Texas Democratic primaries is a violation of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The Court has simply recognized the fact that primaries are effective instruments of goverment, and that the exclusion of the Negro voters from Democratic primaries in some of the Southern states is equivalent to denying them the right to vote on account of race.

This decision has far-reaching consequences, and we appeal to the people of the South to make these consequences positive and constructive rather than negative and destructive.

We deplore the statements of political leaders and others indicating a determination to disregard or nullify the decision of the Supreme Court, and we call on all fair-minded citizens of the South to respect the letter and the spirit of the Court's decision. Let us all, white and Negro, be calm and wise. Let us strive to serve the ends of justice and good government for all of the people of the South.

To allow Negro citizens to participate in the government under which they live is to give democracy a chance in the south. To deny the vote to qualified Negro citizens is inconsistent with the American ideal of justice and equality before the law. The sooner we recognize these simple facts, the better off we shall be. We cannot honestly wage a war for freedom and democracy in foreign lands when we deny to our own Negro citizens the rights and privileges which are justly theirs.

After discussion as to the advisability of immediate release of the resolution, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

28. IT WAS VOTED that the statement be released to the press immediately following the meeting.

A statement on the injection of the race issue into political campaigns, which was recommended to the Board by the Executive Committee, was read by Dr. Guy Johnson.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

29. IT WAS VOTED that the word "spurious" be substituted for the word "old", that the words "attempt to arouse" be substituted for the words "appeal to", and that the statement be adopted, as follows:

> In the heat of current political campaigns in various parts of the South, the race issue has been raised by certain candidates or by their promoters. Vicious rumors have been circulated, and the spurious issues of " white supremacy," "social equality," and the like have been dragged forth in an attempt to arouse the passions and prejudices of voters.
>
> We condemn all such tactics as unfair and destructive of the spirit of unity and cooperation which we need now as never before, and we appeal to all good citizens to consider carefully whether those persons who use such tactics are worthy of public trust.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

30. IT WAS VOTED that the statement be given immediate publicity.

Dr. Guy Johnson read a list of persons nominated at the Charter meeting or within thirty days of the meeting, in accordance with the action of the Board of Directors at the Charter meeting.

During the discussion which followed, Dr. Forrester Washington asked whether it would be important to have a portion of the Charter expressing the aims and purposes of the Council sent to those invited to membership, with the request that they sign the statement in accepting membership. Dr. Guy Johnson replied that we proposed to do that.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

31. IT WAS VOTED that the nominations be referred to the Committee on Membership for action.

Dr. Robb asked whether we should endeavor to elect large numbers of members or to confine the membership to a small number. Dr. Alexander asked whether it was contemplated that there would be an annual meeting, to which the expenses of members would be paid. When Dr. Guy Johnson replied that the expenses of members would not be paid, Dr. Alexander said he did not see why the Council membership should not be as large as possible. Dr. Johnson explained that a large membership involved the problem of proxies, etc. Dr. Robb expressed the opinion that from the standpoint of the purpose of the organization it would be desirable to enlist the cooperation of a large number of people by inviting them to become members.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

32. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be asked to bring to the next meeting of the Board of Directors a statement of policy regarding limitation of membership and methods of selecting members.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Executive Committee on March 22 voted to ask each Board member to submit the names of at least three people living outside the South who might be nominated to the National Advisory Committee, for which provision was made in the by-laws. He said that we already have the names of some persons who might be nominated to the Committee, but he felt that this needs more study.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

33. IT WAS VOTED that the whole matter of a National Advisory Committee be referred to Guy B. Johnson and Ira DeA. Reid, with the Chairman of the Board, to work out in considerable detail just how the National Advisory Committee will function and what sort of Committee it will be.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

May 6, 1944

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Editor
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond, 11, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your editorial "The Court and the Negro." I think it is splendid.

We feel that the Board meeting went off very well indeed. We transacted a good deal of business, including the creation of standing committees on membership, finance, publications, public relations, and fellows; we elected several new Board members and passed two resolutions which were released to the press at once. One of these dealt with the white primary and the other with the race issue in politics. I hope that they got into newspapers up your way.

It was a pleasure to meet the new Virginia members of the Board--Mr. Wilson Brown, Mr. Pollard, and Mr. Jaffe. I feel that we are very fortunate to have them on the Board.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Richmond Times-Dispatch
PUBLISHED MORNING AND SUNDAY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
Zone 11.

VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

April 29, 1944.

Dr. Guy Johnson, Director,
Southern Regional Council,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Miss Lucy R. Mason tells me that you have not seen any comment from the Times-Dispatch on the Supreme Court decision as to the white primary. I am, therefore, enclosing ours of April 5th.

I hope yesterday's meeting went off well. I was so sorry not to be on hand. I have not had a chance to talk with any of the local board members yet.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M
enc.

May 8, 1944

Mr. R. B. Herbert
310-312 Palmetto Building
Columbia
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Herbert:

We missed you very much at the Board meeting on April 28. It was a good meeting. We transacted a good deal of important business, and we adopted two resolutions which were given to the press. I hope that they were published in the newspapers up your way. One of them dealt with the white primary, and the other with the race issue in politics. If you have seen nothing about them in the newspapers, I shall be glad to send you copies of the resolutions.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

R. BEVERLEY HERBERT

GEORGE L. DIAL, JR.

HERBERT & DIAL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
310-312 PALMETTO BUILDING
COLUMBIA, S. C.

April 25, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I had every intention of coming to Atlanta for your meeting on Friday and the fact that I cannot do so is a keen disappointment to me.

The reason is really personal-due to the fact that I cannot leave here except for Friday and had counted on going over Thursday night and coming back Friday night, which is the only decent schedule. I have done everything possible to get pullman accommodations and they cannot give them to me either way, and I simply am not in condition to sit up two nights in succession. I am still trying to work out some scheme but my chances are very poor.

I am particularly anxious to come because of the unfortunate conditions in this State due to the race between Cotton Ed Smith and Johnston and I wanted to discuss with some of you gentlemen whether or not anything could be suggested which would be helpful. At least you can tell them that there are a number of us here who feel the situation keenly and are very desirous of doing something to put it in better shape.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Herbert

R. B. HERBERT.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 15, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I shall be happy to accept election to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. and to membership in the Council. It looks as if this Council has set for itself a highly important work in the Southern states. If I can assist in any way to promote this work either on or off the Board, please feel free to call upon me.

It was good to see you even for a few minutes last week. With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Walter J. Matherly
Walter J. Matherly, Dean

WJM:fm

Dean Walter Matherley

Letter of May 9, 1944 re SRC Board
[redacted] membership.

Copy filed under Dean T. S. Staples of that
date

May 19, 1944

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am happy to have your letter of May 15. The fine spirit of cooperation which is being shown by our members and directors is a real inspiration to Dr. Reid and me.

I hope that you will be thinking of persons who will make good members for the Council, and that you will send me nominations from time to time to submit to the Membership Committee. We want to build up our membership by adding people who believe in the Council and who are willing to lend it their support.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

MECHANICS AND FARMERS BANK

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

May 15, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This letter is perhaps a little late, but I wish to express to you my feeling with reference to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council on April 28th.

I was deeply interested in the proceedings and wish to assure you of my desire to assist in any way possible in the things which you and Dr. Reid are trying to do.

Please be assured that my services will be available to you at all times and that I shall be glad to have you call on me for whatever contribution you think I can make to the success of your program.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Wheeler

JHW/w

May 23, 1944

Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, D. D.
Archbishop of San Antonio
Chancery Office
230 Dwyer Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Archbishop Lucey:

Thank you for your letter of May 19. I quite understand your position with respect to serving on our Board of Directors, and I should certainly not want to urge you against your better judgment. We are happy to have you as a member of the Council, and I hope that when the war is over and travel conditions have returned to normal, we may have the privilege of renewing our invitation to you to become a Board member of the Council.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

CHANCERY OFFICE
230 DWYER AVENUE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

May 19, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of May 16. I appreciate your kindness in offering to arrange travel and hotel accommodations for me to attend meetings of your Board of Directors. So far as hotel accommodations are concerned I can always stay with one of the clergy of the city, but traveling these days is particularly inconvenient. Not long ago I came down to Texas from Chicago and was able to get breakfast at half-past twelve in the afternoon. Perhaps when this present world conflict is over traveling conditions will not be so impossible.

Greetings,

Robert E. Lucey

Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, D.D.
Archbishop of San Antonio

REL/jm

May 16, 1944

Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, D. D.
Archbishop of San Antonio
Chancery Office
230 Dwyer Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Archbishop Lucey:

I am happy that you have accepted membership in the Council. I hope that you may yet see your way clear to accepting a place on the Board of Directors. I know that you are extremely busy, and I realize that travel to meetings in Atlanta from such a long distance will be inconvenient, particularly during the war, but I am reasonably sure that for our annual meeting, which is fixed for the second Wednesday in October, we can arrange travel and hotel accommodations well in advance.

If you are willing to accept membership on the Board and to attend as many meetings as you can without undue inconvenience, we shall be most happy. I am sure that our Board of Directors would profit tremendously from your counsel and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

CHANCERY OFFICE
230 DWYER AVENUE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

May 13, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please accept my very sincere congratulations on the good start made by the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. When I read press dispatches concerning it I was immensely pleased. I gladly accept membership in the Council but I hesitate to give my name to the Board of Directors for the reason that, at least during the war, travel conditions are most unpleasant and my calendar is in such a pitiful condition that I shall probably not be able to attend even one meeting yearly. The Council has my very best wishes for all possible success. I am confident that a tremendous amount of good will be accomplished by this group.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Lucey

Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, D.D.
Archbishop of San Antonio

REL/jm

Archbishop Robert Emmet Lucey

Letter of May 9, 1944 re SRC Board membership

Copy filed under Dean T. S. Staples of that date

BISHOP'S HOUSE
222 EAST HARRIS STREET
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

14 June, 1944.

Mr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
710 Standard Bldg.,
Atlanta 2, Ga.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

While doing some "summer house-cleaning", I came upon your kind letter of April 13th, and notice that, unfortunately, it was never answered. I assure you that this was inadvertent. During April and May, I was almost constantly absent from my office making official Canonical Visitations to the Missions in the more remote sections of Georgia, and, therefore, did not have an opportunity to do justice to my correspondence.

I believe Monsignor McNamara attended the meeting.* He is deeply interested in the program of the Southern Regional Council, and has the good fortune of having more free time than I have, and, therefore, can attend the Council meetings.

With kindest regards, I remain, dear Mr. Johnson,

Very sincerely yours,

+ Gerald P. O'Hara,

Atlanta- Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta.

* referred to in your letter.

Board

June 26, 1944

Miss Lillian E. Smith
Clayton
Georgia

Dear Miss Smith:

Let me thank you for your letter of June 12. I regret that you do not see your way clear to becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council and of its Board of Directors, but I appreciate your position as set forth so forcefully in the letter. Since you feel that there is a more or less hopeless incompatibility between your position and the position of the Council, I think that your decision is quite understandable.

Thank you for sending copies of your letter to our Board of Directors and to other persons. Several of our directors have told me that they have not yet received a copy. I am very anxious that all of them see your letter, so I am enclosing a complete list of their names and addresses. I know that your burden of correspondence is very heavy, and if you want to check this list against yours, we shall be glad to send out copies to those who are not on your list.

Can't you pay us a visit some time? I am looking forward to the pleasure of a long conversation.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Enclosure

Board

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

710 STANDARD BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Dear Board Member:

In the spring issue of COMMON GROUND, a periodical published in New York, there appeared two articles by J. Saunders Redding and Lillian Smith which were highly critical of the Southern Regional Council. We felt that the Council could not ignore these articles, and we asked the editor for the privilege of making a reply. My reply, entitled "Southern Offensive," has been published in the summer issue of COMMON GROUND.

A copy of the spring issue of COMMON GROUND, together with a reprint of my reply article, is enclosed. We regret that this controversy occurred, for we think it is bad for liberals to be quarreling among themselves, but we hope that the net effect will be to strengthen the position of the Council.

If you have no particular desire to keep the spring issue of COMMON GROUND, would you mind returning it to us? We want every member of the Board of Directors to have a chance to read it, but we do not have quite enough copies to go around. We do have some extra reprints of my reply article, and we shall be glad to send you a few additional copies if you want them.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

CHARTER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

January 6, 1944

STATE OF GEORGIA,
FULTON COUNTY.

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The Petition of DR. RUFUS E. CLEMENT, RALPH MCGILL, BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON AND DR. HOWARD W. ODUM respectfully shows:

1.

That they desire for themselves, their associates and successors, to be incorporated under the name and style of

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

for a period of thirty-five (35) years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration thereof, and from time to time, as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

2.

The principal office and place of business of said Corporation shall be located in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, State of Georgia. The Corporation desires the privilege of establishing branch offices elsewhere, either within or without the State of Georgia, as may be desired.

3.

Said Corporation shall not be organized or operated for pecuniary gain or profits to its members, and shall have no capital stock.

4.

The objects and purposes of said Corporation are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council for the improvement of economic, civic and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional

development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives.

5.

The Corporation shall have the right to receive donations, endowments, devises and bequests, and shall enjoy all rights and powers, and be subject to all limitations, of the Corporation Act of the State of Georgia, approved January 28, 1938, and all Amendments thereto, which may hereafter be adopted, excepting those rights, powers and limitations relating to capital stock, and other matters not pertinent to its organization.

6.

The membership of said Corporation shall be self-perpetuating, and shall be composed of the Incorporators, and such others as said Incorporators shall, at any time after the organization of said Corporation, designate, according to such Rules and By-Laws as may be adopted by said Corporation. The Incorporators, and such other members as may be elected at the first Incorporators Meeting, shall be designated as "Charter Members" of the Corporation.

7.

The rights of any member in the Corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

8.

All corporate meetings, whether of the Members or of the Board of Directors or of any other bodies established by the Corporation, may be held either within or without the State of Georgia.

9.

The Corporation may at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Corporation, amend either in form or in substance, its By-Laws and Charter, or either of them, and for any reason, approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Corporation, sell and dispose of any or all of its assets, and dissolve and liquidate its affairs.

10.

The name and post office address of each of the Incorporators are as follows:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia,
Mr. Ralph McGill, 3399 Piedmont Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia,
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 1976 North Decatur, Rd., Atlanta, Ga.,
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee,
Dr. Howard W. Odum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

11.

If and when said Corporation, for any reason whatever, shall liquidate or cease to exist as a body corporate, or to function as an eleemosynary organization, the title to all property, money and effects, of whatever kind or character, of such Corporation, after discharging its own obligations and liabilities, shall vest in some organization having ideals and a program similar to those of said Corporation, such organization to be designated by said Corporation before its dissolution.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray to be incorporated under the name and style aforesaid, with all the powers, privileges and immunities herein set forth, and as are now, or may hereafter be, allowed a Corporation of similar character under the laws of Georgia.

HAAS, LYONS & HURT

Attorneys for Petitioners,
601 Haas-Howell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Feb. 11, 1944

Prof. J. E. Blanton
Voorhees Normal & Industrial School
Denmark, South Carolina.

Dear Professor Blanton:

I have your letter of Feb. 10th and thank you for same.

I had every intention of going to Atlanta for the meeting on the 16th and so wrote them but a matter has come up here that will entirely prevent me from going, greatly to my regret.

I note what you say about giving six names from this State, and I will name several whom I think should be considered -

Mr. M. A. Wright, Attorney, of Conway, who is a most public spirited citizen and has given untiring thought and energy to the matter of improving the situation of negroes in South Carolina.

Dr. J. Heyward Gibbes, Columbia, S. C. who has been chairman of our Richland County Interracial Committee and has done most excellent work.

Dr. Burgess, of Orangeburg, who, as you know, is a very intelligent and interested man.

I would certainly urge you as a nominee if you are not already on such board.

Miss Rebecca Reid, of Sumter, S. C. whose splendid work you are familiar with.

Rev. Bramwell Bennett of Columbia whose interest in the matter is well known and who has done excellent work.

Prof. C. E. Johnson of this City, with whose excellent qualifications I am very much impressed.

If I can do anything further in connection with any of these I hope you will call on me. I, of course, have not contacted them and there are several who I think doubtful as to whether or not they would accept.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Herbert.

R. BEVERLEY HERBERT

GEORGE L. DIAL, JR.

HERBERT & DIAL
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
310-312 PALMETTO BUILDING
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Feb. 11, 1944

Miss Emily H. Clay, Sec.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have had to wire you that I cannot come to the meeting.

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter I have today written Professor J. E. Blanton, negro member of our State Interracial Committee. Professor Blanton has splendid qualifications and I am sending the letter because I think on any group from South Carolina he would be an excellent choice.

See list of Names in this letter.

Assuring you again of my regret, and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

R B Herbert

R. B. Herbert.

RT. REV A. S. THOMAS, D. D.
PRESIDENT
CHARLESTON

J. E. BLANTON
PRINCIPAL
DENMARK

W. L. GLOVER
TREASURER
ORANGEBURG

RT. REV. J. J. GRAVATT, D. D.
1ST VICE PRESIDENT
COLUMBIA

REV. C. M. SEYMOUR, JR.
SECRETARY
AIKEN

VOORHEES NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

DENMARK, SOUTH CAROLINA

February 23, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Mrs Clay

Please keep my name on the list for all publications you send out on matters concerning our Council, and thank you very much. I thought the meeting the other day was a real mark along our road to greater progress, in spite of all fire works which happened.

Please find the names which I wanted to present the other day to the Secretary from South Carolina. May I also request that in adding to the list of the Board of Directors that South Carolina be kept in mind. As I listened the other day, I don't think we had more than one or two on the Board. We have not had an easy time in South Carolina with this work. I speak as second vice Chairman of the State Committee. White people in the last four years have taken more real interest; before it was talk. Just yesterday, several white ladies appeared with three of us Negroes before the Senate Committee on the proposed Industrial Home or School for Negro girls. We won too. I am therefore very anxious that you give us as much recognition as possible with regard to membership, say at least five out of the entire body, if that seems feasable, three whites and two Negroes.

Here is our list of the names of the people whom I approached with regard to the prospectus sent to me before our meeting there from your office.

List these

Mr. R. Beverly Herbert, Columbia, S. C. He is on the Board, already
Miss Rebecca Reid, Sumter, S. C. Sec. State Com. of S. C. (white)
Dr. J. Heyward Gibbs, Columbia, Pres. Local Com. in Columbia (white)
Rev. J. Howard Kester, Prin. Penn School, Beaufort, S. C. (white)
Dr. S. R. Higgins, Columbia S.C. Pres. Allen Univ. (Negro)
The Rev. Brammell Bennett, Columbia, S. C. (white)
Mr. J. P. Burgess, Orangeburg, S. C. (Negro)
Prof. C. A. Johnson, Columbia, S. C. (Negro)
Rev. Claud Evans, McCormick, S. C. (white) This man had to move because he preached a sermon on justice to Negroes, etc. He is really fine and a christian.
Miss Alice Norwood Spearman, R. F. D. Newberry, S. C. (white)
Miss Clara Hiller, 903 Sumter St., Columbia, S. C. (white)
Miss Adella Minahan, Treas. S. C. State Com., Columbia, S. C. (white)

I am sure these people will be helpful to our cause here in South Carolina. There will be others, but Mr. Beverly Herbert, our Chairman,

Miss Rebecca Reid, our Secretary, and I were anxious that those names should be added from South Carolina now as the move is just beginning.

Sincerely,

J. H. Beaulor

Second Vice President
S. C. Committee

ELIZABETH CITY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 24, 1944

Miss Emily Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing the expense account for my trip to the Directors' Meeting at Atlanta.

I would also like to submit the following nominations for membership on the Council:

1. Rev. C. C. Crawford, Pastor of the Cann Memorial Church. Mr. Crawford is a young Presbyterian minister who is the leading spirit in the local Interracial Council and fits into the pattern very effectively.

2. Mr. Paul Reid, Controller, State Board of Education, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Reid is another young and progressive man who can be of unestimable value to our program. The two above are white.

3. Dr. J. W. Seabrook, State Teachers College, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

With kindest good wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Harold L. Trigg
President

HLT:JC
ENCL.

February 29, 1944

President Harold L. Trigg
Elizabeth City State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Trigg:

Attached hereto is our check in the sum of $65.92 to reimburse you for expenses incurred on account of your attendance at the charter meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

We are glad to have the nominations for membership which were listed in your letter of February 24. These will be referred to the Executive Committee, in accordance with action taken at the meeting on the twenty-fourth.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

P. S. I wonder whether you have had an opportunity to check with Bishop Penick to find whether or not he will accept our recent invitation to charter membership. It is possible that he has overlooked the letter which was sent to him early this month.

EHC

March 6, 1944

Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
P. O. Box 1107
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Thank you for your note concerning D. E. Williams. I remember him quite well and I hold him in very high esteem. It is good to know that we can count on his cooperation.

I am sorry to say that Bishop Moore has decided that he cannot accept the Presidency of the Council. He made his decision largely on the basis of lack of time to do justice to the Presidency. He made such a good case that we did not have the heart to urge him against his will. He is, of course, completely in sympathy with the Council and will help us in every possible way. I am going to see Bishop Dandridge of Tennessee next Wednesday and try to persuade him to accept the Presidency. If I succeed, I think we should have a meeting of the Executive Committee as soon as possible. We need to elect a President so that a full announcement of officers and directors can be made public, and we also need to settle quite a few specific questions such as membership, dues, and coördination of the Council with other organizations.

It was a pleasure to meet you when you were here, and I want to thank you for your excellent work as temporary chairman.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ/j

COMMISSIONERS

[redacted]

JOSEPH Y. CHENEY

[redacted]

CHAIRMAN

JAMES T. VOCELLE

[redacted]

SECRETARY

FRANCIS R. BRIDGES, JR.

FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION

TALLAHASSEE

ROY W. RUSSELL
DIRECTOR

BESSIE K. GRAY

[redacted]

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

2/26/44

Dear Mr. Johnson:

D.E. Williams of the State Department of Education, Tallahassee, has indicated a desire to become a member of the Southern Regional Council and I recommend him for membership. Mr. Williams tells me that he knows you and has worked with you in the past. He has been doing an outstanding job in Florida for sometime in public education and has, I believe, the right ideas concerning things in general.

Enjoyed meeting you and rest assured if at any time I can be of service to you do not hesitate to call on me.

Most sincerely,

Francis R. Bridges Jr.

Francis R. Bridges Jr.
P.O. Box 1107,
Tallahassee, Fla.

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March 6, 1944

Dr. Guy Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Following the suggested procedure outlined at the last meeting of the Southern Regional Council, I should like to nominate for membership on the Board of Directors Mr. Frank McAllister member of the Regional War Labor Board 17th floor Candler Building of this city. Mr. McAllister was present at the first Atlanta meeting. He has a background of work in the South which I believe would qualify him admirably for Board membership.

Very truly yours,

William Y. Bell, Jr.

William Y. Bell, Jr.
Associate Regional Executive

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ELIZABETH CITY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 2, 1944

Miss Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been trying to think of a group of young Negroes who could represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional Council.

I am listing three below and would be happy to have consideration given them:

1) Dr. John Hope Franklin, Professor of History, North Carolina College, Durham, N. C. Dr. Franklin holds a Ph. D. from Harvard. He is scholarly and sensible.

2) Mr. H. I. F. Nanton, State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Nanton is a former teacher and newspaper man. He is thoroughly conversant in Negro problems. He has a gift for sensing situations and collecting data. He is liberal and sensible.

3. Mr. John R. Larkins, Consultant on Negro Work, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Larkins is quite competent in social work and has had four years of experience in his present position. His is a key position. He could mean much to the functioning of the Council.

(already listed)

I hope you were able to offer membership to Mr. Paul Reid, Comptroller of the State Board of Education. I discussed it with him on April 14 and I am sure he expected to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,

Harold L. Trigg
President

HLT:JC

May 9, 1944

President Harold L. Trigg
Elizabeth City State Teachers College
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Trigg:

Thank you for your letter of May 2, nominating Dr. John Hope Franklin, Mr. H. I. F. Manton, and Mr. John R. Larkins, of North Carolina, for membership in the Southern Regional Council. We are glad to have these nominations, which will be referred to the Committee on Membership for consideration at an early date.

Until the Board of Directors met on April 28, our machinery for admitting new members was not completed. At that meeting, however, a Committee on Membership was authorized, with power to act on nominations. We hope that the Committee will meet at an early date and that we may then extend an invitation to Mr. Paul Reid and others who have been nominated by charter members of the Council.

You will receive a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting within the next week. We were sorry that you were unable to attend the meeting, but we appreciated your letter and the check for $5.00, covering your dues and contribution for 1944.

Sincerely yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

May 10, 1944

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
North Carolina State Board of Charities
and Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

Thank you for your letter of April 26. It was a pleasure to see you in Raleigh at the meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service.

We now have a membership committee and the machinery for bringing new members into the Council without waiting for election by the Board of Directors. The only prerequisites for membership are indorsement of the aims and purposes of the Council, residence in the Council area, approval by the membership committee, and payment of dues of one dollar a year.

I am glad to have the suggested list of fellows, and I shall submit the names to the Committee on Fellows. I am, of course, adding your name to the list of persons to be nominated for membership.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

THE NORTH CAROLINA
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April 26, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk with you again; however, time did not permit me to ask you some things about the Council that I should like to know.

I am very much interested in the Council and its work and believe that it will be the salvation of the South. Several people have asked me about the membership requirements, and if there is a financial stipulation to be met before becoming a member. Please inform me about this matter.

During your speech on April 20, you mentioned that the Council is interested in securing one hundred Fellows for Research. During our conversation at North Carolina College you suggested that some of these Fellows be young and energetic. May I take the liberty of submitting the following persons for Fellows:

Mr. H. I. Fontellio-Nanton
Information Specialist
Venereal Disease Institute
State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. C. A. Jones
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. T. L. Spraggins
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Miss Eva Frazier
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Miss Ruth Brett, Dean
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Mr. R. E. Jones
State Agent & 4-H Club Specialist
A. and T. College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Mr. S. E. Duncan, Principal
Washington High School
Reidsville, North Carolina

If I may be of service to you and the Council at any time, please feel free to call on me.

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Larkins

John R. Larkins,
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:I

Nominations

May 12, 1944

Mr. Frank W. Spencer
P. O. Box 136
Savannah
Georgia

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thank you for your letter of May 8. We are glad to enter your subscription to the SOUTHERN FRONTIER and pamphlet service of the Southern Regional Council. I am nominating you for membership in the Council, and I shall be able to notify you of election as soon as our membership committee holds its next meeting.

I think that your letter of February 1 to Mr. R. W. Groves is splendid, and I am sure that if all of the members of our Council were as civic-minded as you are, the South would soon be a much happier and more prosperous region.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Savannah, Georgia
May 8, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I greatly appreciate your letter 6 May in response to mine of 2 May with reference to Southern Regional Council and its plan of action.

It has been my privilege to talk with Msgr. T. J. McNamara on various occasions regarding the purposes of the Council and it will be very much appreciated if you will place my name in nomination for membership.

Check to cover subscription to Southern Frontier and all pamphlets issued by the Council enclosed herewith.

O.K. come letter

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Spencer

Frank W. Spencer.

Enclosure (Letter to Mr. R. W. Groves, Chairman, Savannah-Chatham County Defense Council)

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Savannah, Georgia
February 1, 1944

Mr. Rob't W. Groves, Chairman
Savannah-Chatham County Defense Council
Savannah, Georgia

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Dear Sir:

It is noted with much satisfaction that you have appointed various Committees to analyze the problems of youth in the community following a general meeting of citizens held on January 24, 1944. As an interested citizen of Savannah I respectfully ask leave to outline certain phases of local needs as they appear to me. I trust that my observations may prove helpful in setting a course of action for community betterments.

Community Planning offers many objectives of great importance for the happiness and well being of people in all areas within the confines of a city. It is a well known fact that wartime activities have had a disrupting effect in many local communities - Savannah comes under this category. Various cities have tackled wartime conditions with particular reference to youth problems. Fact-Finding Bodies in many sections have developed highly important methods in meeting community needs in addition to the research and statistical departments which are a part of social and public organizations. There is a definite need for similar activities in Savannah. Public information about Health, Education, Safety and Welfare can be of great value only when the people in general are made aware of community needs. Community planning and coordination cannot be successfully accomplished if knowledge about a community's needs in health, education, safety and welfare is confined to a small group of insiders, however devoted. The ordinary citizen as well must be made aware of these needs. People generally need to see and understand all phases of local conditions in order to "appreciate the good and to combat the bad".

In the City of Richmond, Virginia, a survey was recently conducted by a group of citizens headed by Mr. Wm. T. Christian, Managing Editor of the Richmond News Leader. This movement followed a series of newspaper editorials which served to induce Mayor Gordon B. Ambler to appoint a committee to make the survey. The Committee members spent nearly six months at their task. When they finished a few weeks ago they submitted a report far reaching in its application to crime, ill health, bad housing and other evils attendant upon slum and other substandard areas. Richmond is no exception in these particulars. We have all of it in our midst. Too many cities possess ramshackle, dirty, dark, congested regions where negroes and whites in the low income group live. From the standpoint of environment, the committee reported ten murder cases originated in the slum area, twenty-five in the very poor insanitary, dilapidated houses, two in homes above the average and only two in homes owned by occupants. Members of the Committee were shocked and appalled at the over-

crowded, insanitary and unsafe conditions under which most of these people live. Duly constituted city authorities, so far as the Committee could ascertain, made no effort to compel owners of these properties to comply with various city ordinances protecting the public against tenements of this nature.

The Committee looked for recreational facilities and found them woefully inadequate. They studied the educational background of the men who killed their fellow men and found few cases with more than a fifth grade education. A study of age brackets showed that 70 per cent of the homicides were committed by persons between sixteen and thirty-seven years old.

The Committee urged that responsible public authorities be made to study existing city ordinances concerning public safety, sanitation and housing, and order their strict enforcement. Realizing that construction of adequate new housing is out of the question for the duration, the Committee's second-best suggestion was that owners be forced to bring their slum properties to a "livable" condition.

The Christian Committee Report is receiving thoughtful study by other Southern cities. Its major objective was set up to study extreme criminal acts, however, its findings developed various aspects of crime, ill health, lack of recreational facilities, bad housing -- all of these evils revealed a woeful lack of duty on the part of the people and their public officials. Savannah's pattern follows the general trend of Richmond's conditions.

During the year 1939 complete information was gathered on housing conditions in Savannah, which was made available by the Real Property Survey in 1939. This Survey developed the fact that 58 per cent of the dwelling units in Savannah are substandard. Census tract 1 in the Survey indicates that 98.8 per cent of dwelling units show substandard conditions in this area. Approximately 1/3 of substandard dwelling units do not even have running water or toilets in the houses. Poor housing conditions are accompanied by general bad economic, health and social conditions. It is from these sources in particular that most delinquency and ill health arise. There is a definite inverse relationship between disease and the standard of living. In general a population with a low standard of living will have a higher disease and criminal rate and the population with a high standard of living will show a relatively low rate. Effective work by competent health officials in Savannah has brought about a marked improvement in general health conditions, nevertheless the low income population group continue to account for a disproportionate share of the total cases of disease and crime.

One of the most serious problems concerning Public Health Officials in Savannah is that of Tuberculosis. The local rate per 1000 population is approximately twice as high as the rate for the

State of Georgia. It is recognized that the new Tuberculosis Sanitarium will have a wholesome beginning in treating Tuberculosis in the community, however, we will still have a high rate of Tuberculosis in the areas in our city where bad housing exists and the Sanitarium will be far from adequate in handling the local situation.

Steps should be immediately taken by the City Authorities to creat adequate ordinances or to enforce existing laws governing public health by bringing slum and other substandard dwellings to a "livable" condition.

Recreational facilities and activities in Savannah are at a low ebb. Statistical outlays for Savannah and nearby cities are as follows:

Recreational Outlay - 1942

City	Normal Population	Appropriation
Savannah	95,996	$ 11,565.00
Macon	57,865	12,167.00
Columbus	53,280	32,600.00
Jacksonville	173,065	107,693.00

It is held that a plan should be effected at once for high school and college students to have an opportunity of observing and studying their city in all phases with particular reference to housing, sanitation, recreation and public welfare policies. These young men and women would thus develop an awareness of local conditions. Such a plan should prove most helpful later on when they take their places as men and women with a voice in community welfare. Scant attention is now being given deplorable conditions existing in many areas of our city. This is the time to bring youth into the picture in a very definite manner.

The existing program for child care in providing day care for normal growth of children for parents working in wartime industries should be developed as rapidly as possible through "in-plant" education by skilled workers in cooperation with plant managers in order that parents may become aware of the advantages offered in these Centers.

It is manifestly clear that State Child Labor Laws are being violated to a shocking degree in Savannah. Attached hereto please find copy of report entitled "A Partial List of Pupils Out of School and Working". I am informed that this list of delinquent negro pupils has been reported to the School Attendant Officer and was investigated by him. Further advices indicate that more than 500 negro youth hernia cases passed through the Children's Free Clinic at the Charity Hospital in 1942 and that 613 additional cases were treated in 1943. Doubtless many cases failed to receive treatment. No record of white delinquent school children is available but it is

quite reasonable to expect that a like condition applies in this direction. This is a distressing situation and violates Child Labor Laws in a most flagrant manner. The Judge of the Juvenile Court, School Authorities, and local Health Officials should explore this matter and effect remedial measures without delay.

It is sincerely urged that your Committees explore the "out of school" situation. It is believed that a large number of school age children do not attend school at all. These children will begin life greatly handicapped through lack of education and will provide fertile fields for delinquency.

Savannah and Chatham County is proud of the sound, progressive measures set up by its OCD in safeguarding its population against possible attack from enemies beyond the seas. OCD is the watchdog of the civilian front and accepts responsibility for organizing the home front so as to be of maximum use in the war effort. Literally millions of OCD volunteers must have asked themselves questions as to social conditions, for the first time. It is the basic job of OCD to organize the civilian front so that these defects may be corrected.

The young men in the armed forces should know that we at home are trying to build a better America. Many of them came to manhood at a time when America was vexed with the grim paradox of having widespread poverty in the midst of plenty. When war came, those young men who had been denied the opportunity to work were called upon to go into the armed forces. Democracy has not been presented to many of these young people in its most favorable light. The nation has a direct and inescapable obligation. This obligation necessitates the building on the home front of a better America, the building of a civilization which will give to each person a job and an opportunity to prove his worth.

The very fact that we at home shall have less in the months ahead means that more attention and consideration should be given to those who are less able to fend for themselves. With what we have, let us do an infinitely better job.

A home should be a source of comfort and a haven for a man and his family. Slum dwellings destroy every vestige of the good life - youth cannot live under such conditions, nor can adults. This is not the American Way of Life! A wholesome, healthful, happy environment for all of our people is essential. Prevention, not cure of community evils, is our greatest need - OCD has a great challenge on the Home Front here in our Town and all over the broad stretches of our beloved land. The battle for betterment on the home front should be a constant one. Healthful, educated Americans, cannot be bred from slum dwellers. Juvenile and adult delinquents abound in these areas. This Nation has displayed an outstanding example of cooperation in waging war against foreign foes. A similar

spirit is our greatest need in developing a happy, healthful life for all of the people in our home town.

It was my privilege to serve as a member of the Georgia State Board of Public Welfare for a period of four years. I am mindful of the high responsibilities devolving upon you in the exploration of Community Needs and wish you and those working in the program abundant success.

Trusting that you are "on deck", I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Spencer

Enclosures

A Partial List of Pupils Out of School and Working

Name	Address	Age	Work
Emmaline Burgess	Southover Junction	13	Box Factory
William Pierce	927 Joe St	13	Sav'h Ice Co 7PM-7AM
Andrew Pierce	927 Joe St	15	Drug Store 8AM-11PM
Alexander Aikens	619 East 31st St Lane	13	Milk Truck
Charley Wilkes	122 W York St Lane	7	Big Star (volunteer service-not actually employed)
Ulysses Grant	349 East Broad St	13	Fish Market
Morris James		12	Barber Shop
Arizona Jones	521 W York St	12	Domestic
Herbert Fields	4 Clifford St	10	Milk Truck
Chas. Griner	642 Lavinia St	10	Dotson's Nite Club
Rob't Griner	642 Lavinia St	12	Milk Dairy
John Jones	633 Kline St	12	" "
Eugene Grayson	554 Mills St	11	Fruit Stand
Willie Blackshear	113 Walnut St	13	Produce Truck
Joseph Jackson	Southover Junction	12	Night Club 4PM-12PM
Reuben Rainey	474 Lumber Lane	11	Milk Dairy
John Curry	653 W Jones St	13	Milk Dairy
Emmett Wiseman	601 Montgomery St	8	Wood Truck
John Palmer	228 W 47th St	11	Milk Truck
Freddie Lecount	2124 Bulloch St	11	Milk Truck
Marion Floyd	822 W Gwinnett St	10	Wood Truck
Alfred Covington	609 E Henry Lane	10	Grocery Store
Thos Wiley	521 Hartridge St	13	Sav'h Hotel
Chas Greene		11	DeSoto Hotel 6PM-6AM
Willie Greene		13	SeSoto Hotel
Herman Frazier	624 Indian Lane	7	Wood Truck
Swindell Marshall	15 E 41st St Lane	14	A&P Store
Morell George	310 W Henry St	14	Delivery Boy
David Tolbert	108 Anderson Lane	11	Wood Wagon
Albert Brown	561 E Liberty Lane	12	Milk Truck
Riley Haynes	762 E Waldburg St	12	Milk Shop
Charles West	215 Waldburg Lane E	13	Milk Truck
Oliver Daughtry	521 Greene St	12	Bestoval Candy Shop
Benjamin Green	769 E Hull St	10	Wood Truck
Jessie Pringle	10 Smalls Court	10	Wood Truck
Ernest Smith	10 Smalls Court	10	Wood Truck
Willie Green	776 E Perry St		Wood Truck
Wilhelmina Jackson	601 W 47th St	14	Domestic
Catherine Bryant	3112 Montgomery St	14	Domestic
Willie Mack	548 E Nicol St	12	Wood Truck
Johnnie Moore	720 Waldburg St	9	Wood Truck
John H. Sawyer	509½ George St	8	Wood Truck
Mercer McKenley	528 Jefferson St	12	Wood Truck
Nathaniel Smalls	221 W Boundary St	8	Wood Truck
Priscilla Brunson	558 W York St	12	Palace Lunch Room (2 older children idle)

Name	Address	Age	Work
James Greene	614 West Broad St	12	Boot Black
Henry Janes		11	Milk Truck
Virginia James	721 E Anderson St	13	Domestic
Jessie Drayton	1115 Cuyler St	12	Liquor Store 4PM---
Frank Martin	580 York St W	12	Cheesman's Ice Cream Co
Bowman Herman	521 Gordon St	11	Milk Truck

May 25, 1944

Mrs. Leah Pierce Argieard
7820 Olive Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Argieard:

Thank you for your letter of May 13. I regret that my absence from Atlanta recently has caused this delay in my reply.

I shall be glad to present your name to our Committee on Membership, which must act upon all nominations to membership. This Committee will probably meet sometime within the next two weeks. The dues at present are only $1.00 a year. The annual meeting of the Council will be held in Atlanta on the second Wednesday of October. All active members are entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

7820 Olive Street
New Orleans 18, La.
May 13, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Yes, through Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames' - communications with me, nearly sixteen years ago, I have been keenly interested in this Interracial Work.

I should be very glad indeed, to become a member. Let me know the yearly rate etc.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Leah Pierce Argieard

May 8, 1944

Mrs. Leah Pierce Argieard
7820 Olive Street
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Argieard:

Your letter of April 15 to Miss Emily Clay has been handed to me. I regret that on account of an exceedingly busy schedule I have not been able to reply sooner. I appreciate your interest in the Southern Regional Council, and I am glad to know something about the good work which you have been doing in New Orleans.

The Council will cooperate with numerous state and local groups which are working on the social, civic, economic, and racial problems of the South. The plans for the affiliation of such groups with the Council have not been completed. That is, we do not know yet whether we shall undertake to set up subsidiary state and local councils. However, regardless of the nature of the relationship between the Council and other groups, the Council will certainly serve as a cooperating and coordinating agency.

Perhaps you would like to become a member of the Council. If so, please let me know and I shall be glad to submit your name to the Committee on Membership.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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Enclosure

7820 Olive Street
New Orleans 18, La.
April 15, 1944

Miss Emily H. Clay.
Secretary-Treasurer, of
The Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

After reading my "Southern Frontier" last night I realized that something "concrete" is about to take place - in better race relations - social betterment from every angle - here in New Orleans, and throughout the south - and nation.

It is my earnest desire to be identified with the local Program - to serve in whatever capacity I am qualified.

Since 1928 or 1929, I think, I have been trying to awaken interest - in Leaders - of the Work of the Commission On Interracial Cooperation - through soliciting subscriptions to the "Bulletin", "High Spot" and the "Southern Frontier."

I am sure you remember the two large boxes

of Publications you sent by express last September at my request - the people appreciated the booklets and pamphlets - but the Leaders - did not responded as I had hoped.

One of the members of the Board Of Directors for New Orleans - I know personally - Mr. Edgar B. Stern, I worked several years - from 1929 to 1933 with both Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Stern - in an organization of Community Uplift of the "masses".

Please give me some information - as to how I am to be identified - through Religious, Civic or social groups.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Leah Pierce Argieard

May 29, 1944

Mrs. F. H. Gray
Bruni
Texas

Dear Mrs. Gray:

Miss Clay has handed me your letter and enclosures of May 25. I appreciate the opportunity of looking over this very interesting material, and I am returning it herewith as you requested.

I am glad to present your name to the Committee on Membership, which will hold its first meeting in the near future. So far we have not expanded our membership beyond the charter members, but I am reasonably sure that the Committee on Membership will decide to extend invitations to additional persons. I shall write you further as soon as the Committee has met.

It seems to me that the editorial in the SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS is beating around the bush. Of course it is nothing new to send uninstructed delegates to a national convention, but in this case it appears that the uninstructed delegation is going to the convention prepared to do a bit of spectacular political horse-trading.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m
Enclosures

Bruni Texas
May 25, 1944

Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you so much for your letter and the literature you sent me, all of which I'm wholly in accord with and deeply interested in, as to my way of thinking it is taking up the main issue of our times which will be democracy versus of universal or destruction consequently, as I certainly want to see and act, not only in this universal by in this province, I want to join you if you will have me, and for any recommendations, as to what is clearer way of my ideas, I'm enclosing several letters I believe can speak for me better than I can for myself. If I'm approved, will you please send me an application membership blank or whatever form the Council uses for its members so I may become one of you as soon as possible. I'll send my $1.00 dues whenever you say so.

I'm enclosing twenty-five cents now for a year's subscription to "Southern Frontiers" and would like as many copies of your free pamphlets and leaflets as you care to send to me to place in the hands of people around the part of the state who are in position to use it to advantage, as well as are interested in your objective.

May I have your statement as to

Enclosed

how this work is taking hold among
people in the South the Council is
in, and what action is being
taken generally to accomplish
its aims? Also, are most of
the common people in the South
as well as the "higher" really
understanding the Negro's place
and his rights as a citizen of our
nation? If so, then it is more
lack of faithful leadership
than anything else that keeps
this from taking the name out
of the hands of Reactionaries
who have the necessary leader-
ship to force their will on the
majority's desire, and into the
one phase of fascism? It surely
must turn as one of the backlash
you said me stated that there
are no real liberals in the
South who lift up their voice
against the discrimination of the
Negro and also the poor whites
that are influential enough to
be considered, so just what is
our trouble? I suppose it is
mainly the same age old one of
force for evil being stronger
than those for good, though the first
is really always a small minor-
ity, until these people finally
go too far, and the backlash
against them many times destroy-
ing them, so now I'm wondering
if there are enough
influential voices in the South
to bring this demanding change
about peacefully, or will there
be a period to be violence in achieving

it before it is accomplished, also it seems to me unless the white man now does his part willingly and intelligently on the bringing about of this equality of rights, he may find himself overpowered by the colored races of the world some of them semi civilized in the industrial future, and on the receiving end of the rope. My concern and hope is that enough of us are awake and enough leaders now on the job to bring about this justice by law and order, in cooperation among whites and blacks, instead of either race being master or slave, so I will be more glad than I can tell you to hear from you on this issue, as I feel deeply concerned.

I'd like the enclosed letters returned when you are done with them, please.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours

Mrs. F. H. Gray

P.S. Ardently desiring to help end this war, and ignorantly believing we could do so this unchristian way, I joined America First through the advice of Mr. Wm R. Hearst, whose paper, the San Francisco Examiner we then took, also became a member of several Mothers No War groups for several months or until the Lindbergh anti-Jewish address made me aware that "peace" was not in real sense of

these groups, but something harmful to other ways of life. I started to investigate what they were up to, and my quest put me in contact with Freedom House, Friends of Democracy, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, all of whom I now belong to actively. However, for some time I have been certain other men problems as to whether we sank or swam democratically was the Negro issue, and that mainly, as it is a southern problem, should be worked out by southern people in the long run, for that reason I am so glad the S.P.C. is organized and I hope I may be allowed to be one of you in this work, as to me it is of the most vital concern of any in this order in our nation.

Mrs. F.N. G.

Does the enclosed clipping from today's San Antonio Express seem to you to indicate the editor really believes in democracy which Mr John Foster Dulles describes as the identical thing as far as meaning is concerned as that given to define "republic" by James Madison who said "a republic is a government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the great body of the people... it is essential to such a government that it be derived from the great body of the society, not from an inconsiderable proportion or a favored class of it"?

Mrs. F.N. G.

It Is Hard to Be an American

A Fourth of July Study of the Growing Pains Today of This Youngest of the Great Nationalities

By JAMES MORGAN

IT is hard to be an American. With that for our theme, let us on this 167th anniversary of our nationality hold a class in Americanization, not for our naturalized citizens only but as well for those whom the Constitution terms natural born citizens of the United States. For often those who have to acquire a thing value it more than they who receive it as a birthright.

It is harder to be an American than it is to be of some older peoples. The pattern of their nationality was set centuries ago. But we of the New World still are in the mold. They were fused of diverse elements in the fires of civil wars and foreign invasions at a time now almost out of mind. We Americans still are in the heat of that process of being forged into one people. They have lived together so long that their different origins are become but a legend. We remain somewhat like strangers to one another, who have yet to get acquainted and meet on a common ground of understanding.

What It Is Really to Be an American

It is easy enough for us to salute the flag and repeat the pledge of allegiance to it. Indeed, it is too easy, if we are thereby misled into thinking we can make ourselves American by merely going through the motions of a ritual. That is but the outward form, which we can put on with the ease of putting on a coat.

Truly to be an American is something that cannot be formalized. It is something deep within the secret places of our nature, where flows the hidden fountain of our instincts and emotions. Some things our country means to us and some dreams we have for its future we would blush to utter.

Such an American cannot wear his Americanism on the sleeve. He shows it only by reflection in his daily life, in his thinking and acting, in his relations with his fellows, in his political standards and values.

How It Is Made Hard to Be an American

It is hard to be an American because it all depends on us, on each of us. This makes a heavy draft on our will and character. Other nations in their formative period became one people involuntarily, by compulsion of the sword of a conquering race or group, which imposed its language and culture on the vanquished. Thus England became English, France French, Germany German. We alone among the great peoples have a free choice to make, and it is not easily made.

All the traditions and laws of this land of ours, from the compact in the cabin of the Mayflower to the declaration of equal rights on the Fourth of July, 1776, to the Constitution and its amendments, combine to make it hard to be an American. Our 49 governments, state and federal, and the majority at the ballot box are all expressly forbidden to choose for us and compel 130,000,000 people to conform to a uniform pattern of nationality. Every one of us is left free to think and speak for himself, to be the kind of American he will.

A Cast-Iron Contract

One compulsion only is laid upon us. But it is heavy and inescapable. We are required by the Constitution to share equally all the rights we enjoy with all our fellow citizens, regardless of race, creed or color. The penalty for denying those rights to any minority or any individual is our own loss of them. This is a cast-iron contract we cannot break without breaking up this nation, with all the liberties and benefits guaranteed to us by the fundamental law.

Black and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, employer and employee, farmer and wage-earner, rich and poor, all of us are tied fast together in the solemn promise of equal rights and opportunities. No group can subjugate or control another without destroying the Constitution and the Union, which alone is that group's own shield from subjugation and dictation.

Our only constitutional course is to get along together. There is no escape from one another except into chaos.

Hating another country is no proof that one is an American. Whoever hates or despises any race or class in our own citizenship proves that he is un-American.

Never has it been harder to be an American, with an all-embracing tolerance, than it was when the passions of the Civil War furiously tore the country apart. Abraham Lincoln stood that supreme test. Search all the volumes of his speeches and writings and you will not find a word uttered in anger or malice toward his antagonists in arms. His Minister to England, the first Charles Francis Adams, also met the test, on one occasion at least. When a titled sympathizer with the South expressed his admiration of the valor and military genius of the Southerners, Adams accepted as a compliment what was meant as an insult: "I thank you, my lord; they are countrymen of mine."

Hitler Using Poison Gas on Us

The world now is in the throes of a war for a racial domination of the earth. At the outset of it, Hitler and Goebbels boasted they would divide and paralyze this immigrant nation by poisoning the air we breathe with jealousies and hatreds of race for race. The only way to withstand this attack is to be an American. That is no mask, which can be put on in a moment of emergency. It is a habit of mind and heart.

We should not be surprised that some of our people have succumbed to this noxious gas, which the four winds are blowing in upon us from every side. Rather we should wonder that our medley of races are proving themselves so generally impervious to it. They stand justified as Americans.

Subversive elements have been bringing shame upon us by incitements to rioting and striking . . . and by chiseling on war contracts. Most of these subversionists cannot be conscious that they are sabotaging the American principles our soldiers and sailors are defending, and that they are stabbing our defenders in the back. They are the old familiar lunatic fringe. Except for the hoodlums who flock out of the alleys to join in any hue and cry, they are the ignorant dupes of one or another such stirrers-up of strife as these: (a) a few deliberate saboteurs; (b) windbags who want to be mob leaders because, with all their gift of gab, they lack the character and ability for any other kind of leadership; (c) soreheads who are sour on a war they failed in opposing when our course was an open question; (d) rule or ruin egotists.

Carriers and spreaders of racial and religious hate, whether by word or deed, are engaged in an attempt, whether they know it or not, to subvert American institutions, with the very Bill of Rights which gives them the liberty they are misusing. Could they have their way they would be astonished to find that they had Hitlerized their country and were the first to land in a concentration camp. The most charitable thing to be said of any of them is that they are in revolt against their own frustration at the hard job of being an American.

Fourth of July Yeast

Long before the Declaration and the Constitution there was from the beginning an unwritten law of this land of a new start: Live and let live, bear and forbear. By keeping that law this continental nation was built in freedom, the mass of men lifting themselves to a new high level of material well-being and self-respecting dignity, which latter possesion is more precious to human pride than riches.

With all the repulsive ugliness of some aspects of the situation on our home front, there is no sense in exaggerating it into a cause for despair. We never have been a quiet, orderly people. Most of our advances, all along the American way from Jamestown and Plymouth Rock, have been tumultuous. Much of the terribly ill-timed crowding and jostling that try our patience in this critical hour are occasioned by the upward struggle—of the underdog toward that equal share in rights and benefits promised all men 167 years ago. The old Fourth of July yeast is at the bottom of the economic phase.

If we are to get along together we must try, with patient good temper, at least try to understand our people whenever they differ with us, even when they may be doing things we do not like. We must try to trust their motives despite actions we deplore. After all, they are in the same boat with us, and there is no sense in thinking they really want to upset it every time they rock it. Usually they are only scrambling, however unseemly, for a better seat, and isn't that a characteristic that has helped mightily in the making of America?

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May 17, 1944

Mrs. F. H. Gray
Bruni, Texas

Dear Mrs. Gray:

At the request of Miss Belle Mooring, Secretary to Dr. Odum, I am glad to send you herewith a copy of the reprint from the March issue of our publication THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, which contains information relative to the organization and program and methods of the Southern Regional Council. The Council has not yet published any pamphlets, but will be doing so in the near future. Within the next few weeks we shall have ready for distribution a new pamphlet which will give more detailed information concerning the background and purpose of the Council. Meanwhile, we are mailing to you under separate cover several publications of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which merged with the Council in February.

The only prerequisites for membership in the Council are endorsement of the aims and purposes of the organization, which you will find stated in the enclosed reprint, residence in the Council area, approval by the membership committee, and payment of dues of $1.00 a year.

We shall be glad to hear from you whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

May 12, 1944

Mrs. F. H. Gray
Bruni, Texas

My dear Mrs. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of May 6 to Dr. Odum. We are forwarding your request for information about the Southern Regional Countil to Miss Emily Clay of Atlanta, who is Secretary of the Council.

Cordially yours,

Belle Mooring.
Secretary

Bruni Texas
May 6, 1944

Dear Dr. Odum:

I am very interested in the Southern Regional Council's platform, as given in a newspaper article to "make democracy a reality in the region", so would like to have any literature you may have for distribution on this work, as well as its human membership qualifications, please.

Sincerely yours
Mrs. F. H. Gray

June 13, 1944

Mrs. Edward G. Mackay
1384 Emory Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mackay:

We should like very much to have you as a member of the Southern Regional Council. May I have the privilege of submitting your name to the Committee on Membership?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

June 13, 1944

Mr. D. W. Perkins
Room 214, Colored Masonic Temple
410 Broad Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Dr. Howard W. Odum has sent me your letter of May 10. Although Dr. J. R. E. Lee's place on our Board of Directors has been filled by Dr. H. D. Goode of Pensacola, Florida, we are expanding our regular Council membership indefinitely.

I shall be glad to nominate Dr. William H. Gray, Jr. to membership in the Council and to suggest that he be considered for membership on the Board of Directors in case there is any other vacancy. May I also have the privilege of submitting your name to our Committee on Membership?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

DR. JOHNSON

June 8, 1944

Mr. D. W. Perkins
Room 214, Colored Masonic Temple
410 Broad Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I want to thank you especially for your letter with reference to Dr. Lee. I am passing this suggestion along to Dr. Guy Johnson.

Cordially yours,

HWO-m

HOWARD W. ODUM.

Dr. Johnson

Office Phone 5-0739
Residence Phone 5-6712-J

P. O. Box 92
Residence: 949 W. Beaver St.

D. W. PERKINS
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Room 214, Colored Masonic Temple
410 Broad Street
Jacksonville, Florida

May 10, 1944

Dr. Howard W. Odom, President
Southern Regional Council
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that very shortly your Council will select a successor to Dr. J. R. E. Lee, late President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, Tallahassee, as a member of the Southern Regional Council.

I am taking this opportunity to suggest, if I may, the name of Dr. William H. Gray, Jr., President of the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute as a worthy successor to Dr. Lee.

Dr. Gray, after completing his college work at Blue Field Teachers College, Blue Field, West Virginia, took his Master of Arts degree and his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

He has done practically all of his work in Louisiana and Florida, and is familiar with our many racial and inter-racial problems, and being broad-gauged and thoughtful, would fit in nicely as a member of the Council, I am

Yours always truly

D. W. Perkins

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From: Lois Taylor
The Press Service
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

REELECTED BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HEAD

Hampton Institute, Va.___Don A. Davis, comptroller of Hampton Institute, was drafted into a third term as president of the Association of Business Officers in Schools for Negroes Friday, in the closing business session of the two-day fifth annual meeting of the association at Hampton. The association will meet next year at Southern University in Scotlandville, La., during the first week of May.

A. H. Turner, business manager of St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, was elected vice-president of the association, succeeding Jesse E. Beals. Glenwood E. Jones, Shaw University, treasurer, and V. D. Johnston, Howard University, secretary, were reelected to their respective posts.

--Endorse College Drive--

The conference went on record as heartily endorsing the United Negro College Fund drive and also urged its members to join the Eastern Central Association of Business Officers in Colleges, which has recently opened its membership to Negroes. It complimented Luther H. Foster, placement officer of its organization, on his elevation to the presidency of Virginia State College.

A brighter financial future for Negro colleges was predicted by P. B. Young, Sr., at the informal dinner meeting of the association, when President Ralph P. Bridgman of Hampton Institute and President J. Alvin Russell of St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute also spoke.

The program of the conference also included talks on the vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans, by A. L. Combes of the U. S. Veterans Administration, the effects of war on Negro education, by Henry S. Badger of the U. S. Office of Education, and on post-war planning in education by William M. Cooper of Hampton. A paper by William J. Trent, Jr., of the United Negro College Fund, Inc., was read by V. D. Johnston of Howard University, and Atty. Leon A. Ransom gave a review of the application of the Gaines decision.

(More)

Discussions at the conference were led by G. Frederick Stanton of Howard University, E. P. Poole of Virginia Union University, Luther H. Foster, Jr., of Tuskegee Institute, James M. Nabrit, Jr., of Howard University, and W. A. Hamilton of Lincoln University, Mo.

The delegates attending the conference and the institutions represented were:

Charles C. Amey, North Carolina State College, J. V. Anderson, Bishop College, Henry G. Badger, U. S. Office of Education, Helene E. Biggers, Morehouse College, G. F. Birchard, Lincoln University (Pa.) and Mrs. Birchard, M. G. Birchette, Dillard University, L. R. Bywaters, Fort Valley State College, James B. Cephas, Virginia State College, G. W. Claridge, Meharry Medical College, James B. Clarke, Hampton Institute, A. L. Conbes, U. S. Veterans Administration, Isaiah T. Creswell, Fisk University, Don A. Davis, Hampton Institute, O. H. Elliott, Clark College, W. C. Erwin, Paine College, W. A. Hamilton, Lincoln University (Mo.), E. A. Holbrook, Virginia State Veterans Administration, V. D. Johnston, Howard University, Glenwood E. Jones, Shaw University, W. M. Jones, Fayetteville State Teachers College, Paul G. King, Voorhees N. & I. School, and Mrs. King, M. W. Lee, Tennessee A. & T. College, W. G. Morgan, Johnson C. Smith University, R. R. Moton, Jr. Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. G. C. McKindra, Arkansas State College, James M. Nabrit, Jr. Howard University, G. L. Netterville, Southern University, F. A. Patterson, St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, E. B. Poole, Virginia Union University, C. E. Prothio, Morris Brown College, Clyde L. Reynolds, Hampton Institute, L. D. Smith, Virginia Union University, Andrew Speller, Hampton Institute, Robert A. Spicely, Tuskegee Institute, L. A. Spurlock, Kentucky State College, G. F. Stanton, Howard University, A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem Teachers College, A. H. Turner, St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, and Mrs. Turner, and W. M. Whitehead, Virginia State School for the Deaf and Blind.

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From: Lois Taylor
The Press Service
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Telephone: 6561

46-1
IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Attention: Religious Editor

30th MINISTERS CONFERENCE JUNE 26-30

Hampton Institute, Va.____"The Post-War Task of the Christian Ministry" is to be the theme of the thirtieth annual ministers' conference of Hampton Institute scheduled to take place June 26-30 on the campus of the historic college, Chaplain C. A. Chazeaud, conference secretary, has announced.

Because of wartime conditions, only 150 ministers can be accommodated on the campus of the college this year, but many more clerics are expected to secure lodging in the vicinity and attend the five-day session. The ministers will come from all parts of the country and will represent all denominations.

Among the forum leaders and lecturers who will be at the conference are the Reverend T. C. Allen of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, the Reverend Howard Stone Anderson, D.D., of the First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Bishop W. Y. Bell, Ph.D., D.D., of the C.M.E. Church in Cordele, Ga., President J. M. Ellison, Ph.D., of Virginia Union University, and the Reverend H. Morton Ruffin of Shiloh Baptist Church in Beverlyville.

The Reverend J. C. Jackson, D.D., president of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention, will preach the annual conference sermon, and the Reverend C. L. Evans, A.M., S.T.B., of Zion Baptist Church in Petersburg, will lead the conference in worship each day.

Hampton Institute staff members who will participate in the the conference are Miss Anne Cooke, coordinator of the Communications Center, who will conduct a speech clinic, James E. Dorsey, summer school music instructor, who will lead the singing of the conference, and Charles H. Flax, adviser to the S.C.A. and director of the Hampton Navy Glee Club, who serves as assistant to the executive secretary of the conference.

NOMINATIONS

I nominate the following for membership in the Southern Regional Council:

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION OR IDENTIFICATION
W. M. Cummings	5-5-Harvard St Rockville Center New York	- Engineer with N.Y. Tel. Co -
John W. Ogletree	c/o National Starch Products Co- 270 Madison ave New York N.Y.	Engineer

Both of the above are graduates of N.C. State College, Raleigh. were active in the College YMCA and are interested in improving Race Relations

Cards made - Addressed 4/24/45

Date 3/10 45

Signed Edward S. King
Member of SRC

from Miss Clay

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Nominations for Council Membership Submitted by The Rev. Frank S. Persons, II

1. The Rev. J. Hodge Alves, St. James' Rectory, 1778 Albert Street, Alexandria, La.
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11. Mrs. F. H. G. Fry, _____, New Orleans, La.
12. Dr. Harvey L. Marcoux, (Tulane School of Bus, Administration), 1521 Jefferson Avenue, New Orlenas, La.
13. The Rev. William F. Draper, Christ Memorial Rectory, Mansfield, La.

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The Rev S. Claude Evans, McCormick S.C.

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Mrs R. E. Clay

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in Presbyterian Parish –
Burkeville Va –

By Mrs. J. M. Long –

Rev. B. H. Hampton
Athens, Tennessee

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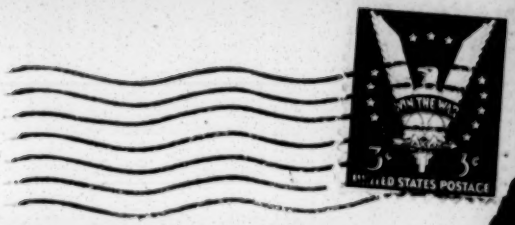

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Mrs. F. H. Gray, Bruni, Texas (see letter in folder)

John R. Larkins, Raleigh, N. C. (see letter from Trigg)

Frank W. Spencer, Savannah (see letter)

Mrs. Leah Pierce Argieard, New Orleans, La. (see letter)

The Rev. J. Wilson Richardson, St. Luke's Church, Atlanta

The Rev. Thomas C. Allen, 715 Central National Bldg., Richmond

Ralph P. Bridgman, Hampton, Va.

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J. Mitchell Pilcher, 235 Riverside Drive, Montgomery, Alabama

T. D. Davis, Chief of Planning Division, Mississippi Board of Development, Jackson

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13. The Rev. William F. Draper, Christ Memorial Rectory, Mansfield, La.

Nominations to Council Membership with incomplete addresses:

Signers of the South Carolina Statement:

Dr. Frances W. Bradley
G. A. Buchanan
Mrs. J. L. Coker
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A. C. Flora
Miss Wil Lou Gray
L. P. Hollis
[redacted]
H. G. Kaminer
Miss Erin Kohn
[redacted]ers
[redacted]
Fitz Hugh McMaster
Dr. H. N. Snyder
Dr. Patterson Wardlaw

Aubrey Williams, Virginia

Christian Century Man in Mississippi

James K. Feibleman, New Orleans

Constance Rumbaugh, F.O.R.

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Personal

Additional nominations for Council Membership:

J. Mitchell Pilcher, 235 Riverside Drive, Montgomery, Alabama

T. D. Davis, Chief of Planning Division, Mississippi Board of Development, Jackson

Rev. Wm. Crowe, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Third and Orange St., Wilmington, N.C.

Dr. Frank Welch, Box 266, State College, Mississippi

Mrs. Mary R. Schneider, c/o Regional Office, L. L. G. W. U., Ferger Building, Chattanooga 2, Tennessee

The Rev. Daniel Whitestt, St. Mark's Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama

Clarence M. Dannelly, Superintendent of City Schools, Montgomery, Alabama

The Rev. Walter G. Agnew, Methodist Church, Greensboro, Alabama

The Rev. A. S. Turnipseed, Methodist Church, Greenville, Alabama

The Rev. A. E. Middlebrooks, Editor, Alabama Christian Advocate, 516 North 22nd Street, Birmingham, Alabama

The Rev. J. F. McLeod, St. Francis Street Methodist Dhurch, Mobile, Alabama

The Rev. Norman B. McLeod, Dothan, Alabama

The Rev. L. B. Green, Milton, Florida

H. C. Brearley, Hood Hill Road, Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee

Noreen Dunn, Ambassador Apartments, Nashville, Tennessee

Ina Corinne Brown, 2105½ Dixie Place, Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Margaret Fisher, 710 Standard Building, Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Mary Allen, Sohpie Newcomb College, New Orleans, La.

Samuel W. Howie, Westminister Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee

Miss Julia Allen, Berea College, Kentucky

Mr. M. D. Potter, Tampa Bulletin, Tampa, Florida

McClellan and Vandiveer, Birmingham News, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. John Granbery, 3305 West Ashby, San Antonio 1, Texas

Mr. Frank A. Constangy, Deputy Regional Director, War Manpower Commission, Grand Theatre Building, Atlanta, Georgia

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c/o Regional Office, FGWC.
Fergus Building
Chattanooga 2, Tenn.

Nominate for membership

5-2-44

Dr. Johnson:

List for nomination to membership:

J. Mitchell Pilcher
235 Riverside Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

T. D. Davis, Chief
Planning Division
Mississippi Board of Development
Jackson, Mississippi

Nominate for S.R.C.

Rev. Wm Crowe, Jr.
1st Presby. Ch.
3rd & Orange St.
Wilmington, N.C.

Send him 50 "blue" leaflets & other material, at request of K. Weisiger.

also nominate him to SRC

Send Dr. Frank Welch
Box 266
State Coll. Miss.

bibliog. of recent books on race.

He was at Jackson meeting.

Mrs. T. S. Dill
225 Kellogg Bldg.

List from George S. Mitchell (names suggested by Dr. Albert E. Barnett)

Mongtomery, Alabama

The Rev. Daniel Whitsett, St. Mark's Methodist Church- most liberal, good on race, has courage and leadership; most important man in Alabama to see.

(There is another liberal Methodist minister in Montgomery - name unknown - who transferred from Arkansas. Whitsett would know him.)

Clarence M. Dannelly- Superintendent of City Schools- helpful on the Negro schools - of course as a politician. (Note from EHC: Dr. Dannelly has worked with Mr. Eleazer for a number of years in the Conference on Education and Race Relations and has seemed to be interested and cooperative.)

Greensboro, Alabama (where The Watchman is published)

The Rev. Walter G. Agnew, Methodist Church- for 20 years President of Huntingdon College, Montgomery; very good.
(Note from EHC: Mr. Agnes wrote us in 1943, asking for "helpful materials to guide our study of ways and means of interracial cooperation.")

Greenville, Alabama

The Rev. A. S. Turnipseed, Methodist Church- He and Whitsett, according to Dr. Barnett, are the moving spirits of a group of young Methodist preachers who take the liberal side of social issues.

Birmingham, Alabama

The Rev. A. E. Middlebrooks, Editor, Alabama Christian Advocate, 516 North 22nd Street- not a "practicing parson," but edits this Methodist paper, which is widely read in liberal Methodist circles in Alabama.

Mobile, Alabama

The Rev. J. F. McLeod, St. Francis Street Methodist Church-

said to be a very fine man.

Dothan, Alabama

The Rev. Norman B. McLeod - very liberal

Milton, Florida (Part of Southern Alabama Methodist Conference)

The Rev. L. B. Green - one of the liberal group.

Written from THE ANDREW JACKSON HOTEL
LEON WOMBLE, MGR.
NASHVILLE · TENNESSEE

Rev. E. P. Dandridge
Edistan Apt. B-1 Tel. - 7-5014
Will meet me at A. J. Hotel, 1:30

Bishop Paul B. Kern
2124 Fairfax Ave. 7-1974

Chas S. Johnson
1611 Meharry Blvd. 6-7713
Social Sci. Dept. Fisk U. 6-7790

H. C. Brearley
1) Hood Hill Rd. 8-4404
Peabody College * 7-3600

2) Noreen Dunn — Ambassador Apt. 7-9509-J
~~Louise Young~~ already listed ~~1105 18th Ave. S. 7-3809-W~~

3) Ina Corinne Brown 2105½ Dixie Pl. 7-2870-W

Send Louise Young information on S.C. Council for Common Good

Fitzgerald Hall

P. Carmichael

John L. Hall

John Dramberger - San Antonio

Carlton Rumbaugh - F.O.R.

[illegible]

M. D. Potter - Tampa.

McClelland Vanderveer - [illegible]
Burlington Iowa

Samuel W. Howie
Westminster Presby. Ch.
Memphis, Tenn.

Frank Constangy
Atlanta

Margaret Fisher

Aubrey Williams — Va.

Charles Conby. men in Miss.

Dr. Mary Allen - Sophie Newcomb sch.
New Orleans

Jas. K. Fielman.
New Orleans

add
all signers of
S.C. statement.

John Gromberg

Constance Rowbaugh

[redacted]

M. D. Potter
Temple Bulletin.

McClellan Van Dorsen
Birmingham News

Miss Julia Allen
Berea College
Ky.

A Statement on the Race Problem In South Carolina

(For Release on March 16th)

The presence of two races in South Carolina means that this State has had, and has, a race problem. It will continue to have such a problem for as long as the two races live side by side. It is a problem of the adjustment of the two races to each other. Prior to the adoption of the XIV and XV Amendments to the Federal Constitution, this problem existed only in its social and economic aspects. Since the adoption of these, it has a political aspect as well.

The problem has always been nation-wide. In the days of slavery the people of one section of our country transported and sold the slaves while those of another section bought them. The evils of the system were shared by the North and by the South. From the earliest days the Negro was set apart from the whites in his economic and social status in all parts of America. As time has passed, wherever the Negro has congregated in significant numbers, barriers of one kind and another have been erected to maintain a virtual separation of the two races.

By-products of this policy of separation of the races and segregation of the Negro have been:

1. The Negro has been denied equal opportunity with the whites.
2. His economic advancement has been retarded.
3. His social status as a servant and a menial has remained relatively fixed.
4. He has been discriminated against in provision for public education.
5. He has not always been accorded unbiased treatment in the Court in spite of the efforts of many of our Judges.
6. He has not received his share of civic improvements, including play-grounds and general recreation facilities.
7. In the Southern States he has been denied any official part in the government under which he lives.

Some of this discrimination has been more or less inevitable, and is not as blameworthy as it sounds. Unless much of it is changed, it will be blameworthy enough.

In spite of these restrictions and handicaps, the Negroes of America, three generations removed from slavery, have made a phenomenal progress

which is a source of pride to them and should be a source of gratification to the whites. In the main the Negroes have been orderly and law-abiding. Annual reports of law enforcement agencies show that the percentage of arrests and convictions of Negroes during the past twenty years has decreased sharply as compared with whites. When occasion has offered, they have been patriotic. They have developed in the field of business, they have shown solid accomplishments in the arts and sciences, they are actively engaged in the major professions, and they are successfully carrying on educational endeavors. The pride that they feel in these attainments necessarily makes them restive under the restraints that are imposed upon them. It is our hope that the gratification which the whites should feel in this progress of the blacks will lead to a modification of these restraints as a means of advancing the interests of both races and of promoting a better feeling between the two races.

Social equality is not a part of the Negro problem in South Carolina. The Negroes disclaim any interest in it. And it must be obvious to any one who gives unprejudiced and fearless thought to the subject that social life is of individual making and is not to be determined by groups or races. Whatever advancement the Negro may make in an economic way, however far he may go in his intellectual accomplishments, and however much he may finally mingle with the whites in public, it is inconceivable that he could have any social relations with the whites that were not acceptable to both races. The emphasis that is placed on this subject is an unworthy one, an unreasoning appeal to fear and prejudice and is calculated to prevent a fair and just consideration of our race problem in its fundamental aspects. The use that has been made of it by candidates for public office has had unfortunate effects on our political standards, is based on error and misconception, and, if it be allowed to go unchallenged from this time forward, is certain to retard the necessary racial adjustments.

We ask the citizens of South Carolina to give thought to the following suggestions:

1. The white people of this State should take a serious interest in the race problem. If groups could be organized in different parts of the State to study and discuss the question, much good might result.

2. Provision should be made for Negroes to serve on juries. Negroes should be allowed representation on boards which have to do with administering affairs that involve Negro citizens and their property; Negro policemen should be provided in Negro residential districts; and public conveyances and facilities provided under our State segregation laws should be as safe, as hygienic, and as comfortable for one race as the other.

3. We should enlarge our educational efforts for the Negro. He should have better schools, better teachers, more adequate transportation, and provision for education at college levels, including graduate instruction.

4. The question of the Negroes' position in industry is more of a private than a public matter. His admission to membership in labor unions and his employment in association with white workers are matters that must be worked out on the basis of an employer-employee relationship. Such inhibitions as now exist for the Negro in this regard can be lifted only by time and, only then, by the white and Negro worker developing a mutual respect and understanding for each other.

5. Negroes employed in domestic service should receive wages commensurate with their training, experience and capacity to serve; their hours of employment should be agreed upon and adhered to; they should be provided with clothing suitable

to their employment; and they should be encouraged to look upon their work with dignity.

6. The problem of Negro suffrage in South Carolina has no immediate solution. Many Negroes in South Carolina are qualified by every standard to vote and to hold office. But the great masses of them have not advanced to the point which the white people are willing that they should play a dominant part in politics. We have ordered our political affairs so that we put no qualifications on white suffrage, so we can make no qualification as to the Negroes. It is all or nothing. The Negroes have been patient as to this, but some of them are impatient. We see no early solution. We do not believe that disenfranchisement of all Negroes in South Carolina can endure indefinitely, and we hope that a careful study of this problem may, in the end, result in a plan of suffrage for the State that will be to the better interests of both races.

Finally, we want to make it clear that we are prompted to this statement by our affection for and interest in our State. Our primary interest is in the white people. Their predominant position in this State imposes upon them the responsibility that they shall deal fairly, justly and even generously with the Negro citizen. The only white supremacy which is worthy of the name is that which exists because of virtue, not power. Good morals, to say nothing of religion or democracy, require that there shall be drastic revision in our attitude toward our colored citizens. Such revision will require the best thought and finest intention. It is to these that we appeal.

Recommended for membership SRC 6/3/44

DR. H. C. BREARLEY
DR. FRANCES W. BRADLEY
G. A. BUCHANAN
MRS. J. L. COKER
J. S. DUDLEY
A. C. FLORA
DR. J. HEYWARD GIBBES
MISS WIL LOU GRAY
REV. F. CLYDE HELMS
R. BEVERLY HERBERT
L. P. HOLLIS
DR. A. T. JAMISON
H. G. KAMINER
MISS ERIN KOHN
REV. W. W. LEATHERS
MRS. C. P. McGOWAN
FITZ HUGH McMASTER
DR. H. N. SNYDER
DR. PATTERSON WARDLAW
M. A. WRIGHT

Joint application for membership

8/24/47

Mrs. Louis Kaufman ✓

514 Fairview Ave

Montgomery 6 Alabama

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . EMILY H. CLAY . . . .

August 1, 1944

The following names were mentioned during the Finance Committee meeting on July 22, to be included on our list of persons to be invited to Council membershipL

Bishop W. Y. Bell, Atlanta, Georgia
Rupert B. Vance, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Katharine Jocher " "
Gordon Blackwell " "
N. C. McPherson, Jr., Macon, Georgia
Roscoe Martin, University, Alabama

The following were suggested for Council membership by members of the Committee on Fellows- July 7:

E. J. Meeman, Editor, News-Scimitar, Memphis, Tenn.
Frank R. Alhgren, Editor, Commercial-Appeal, Memphis
Charles Ball, Memphis

Dean R. C. Beaty, University of Florida, Gainesville

Rev. J. W. Dunlap, First Presbyterian Church, Elberton, Ga.

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June 1944 - Names to be Submitted to the Committee on Membership

BOY SCOUTS

Mr. Nelson Jackson, Jr. (Official representative)
Tryon, N. C.

Mr. J. J. Barnhardt, Kannapolis, N. C.

Mr. L. E. Mansfield, International Paper Company (Correspondent)
Rhodes-Haverty Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. W. A. Dobson, Regional Executive
Mr. Frank Dix , Special Deputy Regional Executive
Boy Scouts of America, Suite 1115
Citizens and Southern National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. William H. Gray, Jr.
President of the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute
Jacksonville, Florida

Mr. D. W. Perkins , Attorney-at-Law
Room 214, Colored Masonic Temple
410 Broad Street
Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Edward G. Mackay
1384 Emory Rd., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

KNOXVILLE NOMINATIONS

Mr. W. P. Ware
(Col. Unit of John Tarleton)
2815 W. Texas Ave.
Knoxville

Rev. D. Albert Jackson
328 Patton St.
Knoxville

Jefferson P. Owens
215 College Homes
Knoxville

Monroe D. Senter
2134 E. Vine Avenue
Knoxville

Rev. W. T. Crutcher
611 Owen St.
Knoxville

Mr. Stetson Kennedy
1327½ SW Fourth Street
Miami 35, Florida

Das Kelley Barnett, Minister
The Baptist Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
46 Walnut St.
Asheville, N. C.

August 1944 - Additional Names to be Submitted to the Committee on Membership

(Memos from Miss Clay)

Bishop W. Y. Bell, Ph.D., D.D.
C. M. E. Church
Cordele, Georgia

Mrs. C. R. Lawler
1049 Kentuck Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. W. M. Harrison, Editor
The Courier-Herald
Box 179
Dublin, Georgia

(Miss Clay lists the following nominations sent in by Mr. Harrison)

Rev. Earle Stirewalt
Rev. R. D. Hodges
Rev. L. C. Cowen
Rev. Leland Moore
Rev. Ernest Seckinger
Dublin, Georgia

Mrs. T. Henry Wilson
Powe Street
Morganton, North Carolina

(Sent in by R. B. Eleazer)

Rev. W. H. Kale
Hickory, North Carolina

(Memos from Miss Fisher)

Dorothy Stevens
Methodist Student Worker
Georgia State College
Box 478
Milledgeville, Georgia

Mrs. R. M. Howell
Decatur, Alabama

Mrs. C. S. McDowell
Eufala, Alabama

Mr. Henry Barnett, Professor
Southern College
1000 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Lakeland, Florida

Miss Alvazine Young
Secty, Wesleyan Service Guild
202 West Maxwell Drive
Lakeland, Florida

Mrs. Wm. Charles White
Christian Social Relations Secty.
Florida Conference
3885 Eloise St.
Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Witherspoon Dodge (with WPB, former minister)
P. O. Box 4910
Jacksonville, Florida

Miss Louise Ballard (CSR Sec., Druid Hills Methodist)
560 Moreland Av.N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Leland Moore
Secty, Wesleyand Service Guild
Dublin, Georgia

Mrs. A. A. Hardy (CSR Sec. N. Ga. Conf.)
Thomaston, Georgia

Mrs. D. R. Little, Sec. Missionary Ed., S. E. Jurisdiction
Marietta
Georgia

August 15, 1944 - Additional Names to be Submitted to Committee on Membership

(Miss Fisher's nominations)

Miss Juliet Jameson Poynter, CSR Sec. Ky Conf.
527 Washington St.
Shelbyville, Ky.

Mrs. W. J. Piggott - Women's Div.
Irvington, Ky.

Mrs. Stanley Wilson, CSR Sec. Miss Conf.
2212 15th St.
Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. J. W. Hollandsworth, CSR SEC. N. Miss Conf.
Calhoun City, Miss.

Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, CSR Sec., N. C. Conf.
Whitaker, N. C.

Mrs. H. W. McCain, formerCSR Sec., N.C. Conf
7008 Johnson St.
High Point, N. C.

Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, CSR Sec.
1611 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. A G. Lackey
Catawba, N. C.

Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Wesleyan Serv. Guild
309 West Front St.
Burlington, N. C.

Dr. W. L. Hutching
Dist Supt. Waynesville District
Waynesville, N. C.

Mrs. L. A. Hartzog, CSR SEC. S. C. Conf.
Olar, S. C.

Mrs. J. H. Kistler, Wesleyan Serv. Guild
Darlington, S. C.

Mrs. J. Roy Jones, Pres. Women's Div. S. C. Conf.
2518 Canterberry Rd.
Columbia 54, S. C.

Miss Ethel Williamson, Wes. Serv. Guild
Rt #3
Darlington, S. C.

Miss Mary Jeffords, Wes. Serv. Guild
Darlington, S. C.

Mrs. J. E. Merchant
406 W. Croft St.
Greenville, S. C.

W.S.G.

Mr. Earl Cunningham, Dean
School of Missions
Bd. of Education, Meth. Church
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Mrs. K. W. Warden, Juris. Sec.
Wesleyan Service Guild, Meth. Ch.
2284 Evelyn St.
Memphis 4, Tenn.

Mrs. Norval Baker, CSR for Tenn.
Gallatin, Tenn.

Mrs. C. P. Hardin, CSR for Houston Conf.
Maryville, Tenn.

Mrs. B. F. Graves, CSR Sec for
Memphis Conf.
Jackson, Tenn.

Mrs. W. D. Rhodes, Juris. Sec. of Youth work
992 Parkland Rd.
Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Mabel K. Howell, Prof. of Missions
Board of Missions
Meth. Ch.
810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Mrs. Hunter Barrow, CSR for Va.
Dinwiddie, Va.

List of prospective new members

Mrs. E. D. Gonzales
2201 Jarrell Street
Houston, Texas

Mr. E. A. Neal
Julia C. Hester House
3605 Lyons Avenue
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Margaret Pennybacker
c/o 2011 N. Washington Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Prof. Ernest E. Neal
Negro Director to OPA
Dallas, Texas

Rev. Robert Raible
First Unitarian Church
Dallas, Texas

Attorney Morris Bogdanow
506 First National Bank
Building
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Lullelia Harrison
5419 Araphoe Street
Houston, Texas

Attorney Harry Freeman. (white)
Sterling Building
Houston, Texas

Mr. Heman Sweatt
3402 Delano Street
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Ada Yerwood
Field Consultant
Texas Tuberculosis Association
Health Department
Austin, Texas

Dr. Austin L. Porterfield
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Rev. Donald Stewart
Central Presbyterian Church
5213 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas

Carter Wesley
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Sent Applic
calendar of
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August 9, 1944

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Associate Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ira:

Thanks for yours of August 4. You are at liberty to use any part of the letter that you see fit as a part of the summary of the half year's work.

If the Council takes up as its active program the adjustment of military men to civilian life; the matter of improvement in public safety; and household or domestic employment, I shall be content. I have been restive because I was afraid that they were going to settle down to nothing but research. I think the whole purport of the Durham Statement was that we work actively with all the Southern whites to get something done immediately for the improvement of our relationship and the status of Negroes. Those three things will be active enough and comprehensive enough, I think, to justify their existence.

I send the following names tentatively as possible new members:

Mrs. E. D. Gonzales
2201 Jarrell Street
Houston, Texas

Mr. E. A. Neal
Julia C. Hester House
3605 Lyons Avenue
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Margaret Pennybacker
c/o 2011 N. Washington Ave.
Dallas 4, Texas

Prof. Ernest E. Neal
Negro Director to OPA
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Lullelia Harrison
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Houston, Texas

Attorney Harry Freeman
Sterling Building
Houston, Texas (white)

Mr. Heman Sweatt
3402 Delano Street
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Ada Yerwood
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Texas Tuberculosis Ass'n
Health Department
Austin, Texas

Rev. Robert Raible
First Unitarian Church
Dallas, Texas

Dr. Austin L. Porterfield
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Attorney Morris Bogdanow
506 First National Bank
Building
Houston, Texas

Rev. Donald Stewart
Central Presbyterian Church
5213 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas

These I think of at the moment, and I may think of some others to add before your time is up.

I certainly wish that the Georgia Negroes had written out here to get our experience before they committed themselves to the token vote matter. But nothing can be gained in criticizing them not, and the only thing left to do is to help carry the fight from where it is.

I was agreeably surprised to have Miss Lillian Smith write back commending my position, and agreeing that it was the logical one for me to take. P. B. Young, Gordon Hancock and Dr. Guy Johnson expressed various forms of approval.

With many thanks for your very flattering remarks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carter Wesley

/d

GBJ
Please acknowledge to me
see list

Mechanics and Farmers Bank

Durham, North Carolina

J. H. Wheeler
Cashier

September 20, 1944

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Associate Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Reid:

Your letter of July 31st came as I was leaving for my vacation and I wish to apologize for the fact that I am just getting around to answering it. I had hoped to be able to discuss the whole matter of the Council with you before submitting my list of names and am very sorry that my trip to New York the other day was so hurried, that I missed the opportunity of talking with you while there.

In my opinion, there are a number of people in North Carolina who would be interested in working with the Council and I am submitting names of a few who I believe can be of great assistance to us in our efforts:

Honorable Gurney P. Hood
Commissioner of Banks
Raleigh, North Carolina

Attorney Hosia V. Price
Winston-Salem
North Carolina

Attorney Victor S. Bryant
Durham, North Carolina

Mr. C. C. Spaulding
Durham, North Carolina

already

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work
State Board of Charities& Public Welfare--Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. Haywood Williams, Vice Pres.
American Federation of Labor
North Carolina Chapter
Durham, North Carolina

Mrs. Lula Kelsey, President
State Federation of Women's Clubs
Salisbury, North Carolina

Mrs. John R. Tarpley, Pres.
North Carolina Negro Teachers' Ass'n,--Greensboro, North Car.

I have not discussed this matter with any of these people but feel sure that they would be able to make a contribution to our program. I take it, also that with the exception of Mr. Price, you have a general idea of who most of them are but if you wish detailed information on any of them, I shall be glad to send it to you.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

J. H. Wheeler
Cashier

September 20, 1944

Dr. Ira De A. Reid
Associate Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Hosia V. Price of Winston-Salem is a highly respected, capable Negro attorney and I am particularly anxious that some consideration be given to his name. He is very close to the tobacco workers of Winston-Salem, and although he is very aggressive, his manner is dignified and restrained to such an extent, that he is able to get results in unusually dificult situations.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John H. Wheeler

J. H. Wheeler

JHW/w

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$35 \times 7 = 245$

From: F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Inst.

Nominations to Membership

~~See appl. of nominees for membership letters~~
~~Letter thru to FDR.~~

Colonel Noel F Parrish
Post Headquarters
Tuskegee Army Air Field
Tuskegee, Alabama

Algernon Blair
First National Bank Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Colonel E H Dibble
Veterans Facility
Tuskegee, Alabama

Superintendent E B Norton
State Department of Education
Montgomery, Alabama

Omit - already invited. He is ill.

Donald Comer
Avondale Mills
Birmingham, Alabama

Hugh Comer
Sycaulaga
Alabama

James E Chappell
The Birmingham News
Birmingham 2, Alabama

Held out for the present

Governor Chauncey Sparks
Montgomery
Alabama

Louis Pizitz
Pizitz Department Store
Birmingham, Alabama

Thomas W Martin, President
Alabama Power Company
Birmingham 2, Alabama

Member

President H Councill Trenholm
State Teachers College
P. O. Box 271
Montgomery 1, Alabama

810 Broadway
Nashville

Dear Dr. Johnson:
I am told that, should you need a contact in Hickory, N.C., you would find Rep. W. H. Kale liberal, sympathetic & cooperative.

R B Kerr

DR. O. B. TAYLOR
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
101½ WEST VINE AVE. PHONES: OFFICE 3-8917, RESIDENCE: 2-7801 U. S. REG. No. 6138
OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 TO 10:30 A.M., 6 TO 8 P.M.

FOR

ADDRESS DATE

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H. P. H. Albert Jackson
Col Unit of Johnson C. Smith
2815 Knoxville, Tenn

Nominate to Membership

Knoxville

Rev. Albert Jackson
3228 Patton St.

Jefferson P. Owens
245 College Home

Rev. W. T. Crutcher
611 Arcade
Knoxville, Tenn

Knoxville Center
1134 E. Vine Ave.
Knoxville, Tenn.

WILLIAMS DRUG STORES M. D.

List for norm.

MEMO: To G.B.J.
From E.H.C.

Another person who might be a valuable member of the SRC is:

Bishop W. Y. Bell, Ph.D., D.D.,
of the C. M. E. Church,
Cordele, Georgia

His son is already a member.

6/13/44

Mrs. L. Henry Wilson
Pope Street
Morganton

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Let her know.

Mrs. C. R. Lawler
1049 Kentucky Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

who is a social worker with the Fulton County Department of Public Welfare is very much interested in becoming a member of the Southern Regional Council and ask one of my friends, Miss Elleigh Page Tucker, how she should go about doing so.

Miss Tucker says that Mrs. Lawler is one of the most liberal people she knows concerning the race problem and that she would be a splendid addition to the Council.

7/26/44

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No. I -

The Baptist Church
At
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

DAS KELLEY BARNETT
MINISTER

List for nominations
7/25/44 m

July 21, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
95 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you so much for the pamphlet "Southern Offensive" which was received recently. I appreciate any information that you have to send concerning the work of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Kelley Barnett

Kelley Barnett

Council Sec -

Ala

Mrs. R. M. Howell
Decatur, Ala.

Mrs. C. S. McDowell
Eufaula, Ala.

Listed for nomination, & see application
J.L.M.
8/18/44

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~~Mrs. B. F.~~

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Waynesville, N. C.

S. C.

Mrs. L. A. Hartzog, C&R Sec S.C. Conf.
Olar, S.C.

Mrs. J. H. Kistler, Wesleyan Ser. Guild
Darlington, S.C.

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Columbia, 54, S.C.

Miss Ethel Williamson Wesleyan Ser Guild
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Greenville, S.C.

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Board of Education, Methodist Church
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Mrs. K. W. Warden, Jurisdictional Sec.
Wesleyan Service Guilds, Meth Church
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Gallatin, Tenn.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

"The objects and purposes of said Corporation are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts toward regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, State, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives."

I subscribe to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council as set forth in the above quotation from the charter, and I should like to become an Associate of the Council.

Signed_____

Address_____

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I enclose dues for the year 1945 ---------- $ 1.00

I should like to make an additional contribution in the amount of --- _____

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Please fill out this sheet and mail it to:

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
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Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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REVISED COPY OF MEMORANDUM, SENT TO NINE

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Southern Regional Council represents the combined efforts of liberal and progressive people of both races to do their best to give democracy a chance in the South. The Council believes that in spite of obstacles there is a range within which hard work and intelligent strategy can induce constructive social change.

The Council has at present about 300 members, white and Negro, who represent many different occupations, faiths, and interests, and who have democratic control over the organization. It has a Board of Directors of 50 persons, plus the elected officers, making a total of 56, of whom 22 are Negro and 34 are white. The Executive Committee has seven elected members plus the officers. The occupational composition of the Board of Directors is as follows: education and related interests, 14; business and law, 9; religion, 9; public office and civic work, 7; labor, 4; journalism, 4; miscellaneous, 11. In order to prevent the usual ills of ageing and ingrowing, the by-laws provide that no Board member may serve more than two consecutive terms of four years each.

The Southern Regional Council's functions are as follows: (1) clearing house and coordinating work with numerous agencies working on Southern problems; (2) research and survey to determine the facts and the state of public opinion as a basis for sound social action; (3) educational and propaganda activities through a monthly paper (THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER), pamphlets, press, radio, conferences, and private contacts; (4) consultative services to private or official agencies; (5) constructive action at every possible point on the social, economic, political, and racial problems of the South.

Exhibit I

The Southern Frontier

We dedicate ourselves to the task of doing the most and the best that can be done here and now.

VOL. V DECEMBER, 1944 NO. 12

Report of The Council Meeting

Resolutions

1. General Resolutions

We believe that every effort must be made to prepare the people of the South for the returning Negro and white soldiers. The problems which are arising already as they come back from active service or are demobilized into civilian life, call for prompt and constructive action on local, state, regional and national levels.

With a view to encouraging the returning Negro soldiers to have faith that the democratic principles for which they have fought are to be translated into reality, we recommend:

1. Employment of all persons on the basis of ability, with due regard for seniority rights.
2. Abolition of the white primary where it exists.
3. Extension of the growing practice of employing Negro policemen and firemen in Southern cities and equal treatment of members of both races by the police and the courts.
4. Equalization of educational opportunity and of pay for teachers of both races.
5. Extension of publicly financed low cost housing.
6. Increased publicly financed medical and dental care available to both races on an equal basis.
7. That equal accommodations for Negroes as provided under the law, be actually provided on all public transportation facilities, and that discriminatory practices now common in travel be abolished.

2. Post War Employment

The Southern Regional Council realizes the importance of encouraging and planning for an effective program of full employment in every Southern community.

We, therefore, urge that such planning include the initiation and maintenance of an effective public employment service which within its ranks and among employers will promote the effective utilization of all workers in terms of their skills and training, without regard to their race, color or creed.

We recommend that equal and effective opportunities for the technical and vocational training of Negroes be made available.

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President Odum's Address

It is a privilege to call to order this our first annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, to recapture something of the heritage and spirit back of its founding, and to look forward to the action which the Council will recommend today and perhaps to hazard what tomorrow and all the days after tomorrow will bring forth. It seems appropriate to look briefly at our Council's first year from three levels.

Our first feeling is one of gratification that we have in the South an actual Southern Regional Council, organized, chartered, and a growing concern devoted to the high purpose of developing, conserving and using wisely the great resources of the South, particularly the human resources, and of so integrating the South into the total fabric of the United States as to achieve a better approximation to the regional quality and balance of America which may be the most important and critical domestic task of post-war planning that will face us. Less than a year ago we gathered together in solemn assembly, conscious of a great heritage and a great opportunity, and we covenanted together to devote ourselves unswervingly to the specific task of doing the most and the best that could be done with reference to one aspect of our post-war problem, namely race relations and development with particular reference to the South's part in assuring the Negro an equitable part in all our democratic processes.

We agreed for the first task to focus our interest and efforts upon this field for several reasons. In the first place, it seems universally agreed that in the total modern world and particularly in America at this time, the problem of race and minority people constitutes one of the most important, maybe the most important, point of tension. Still more specifically in the South it is our *Number One* problem and we recognized that every phase of southern economy and culture is inseparably related to the total life and culture of the Negro and that there is scarcely any aspect of Negro life that in turn is not closely related to the total life and culture of the South. Still more specifically we recognized the impending crisis that might soon face us in the dilemmas of our returning soldiers and the South's responsibility and opportunity here. And still

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Program for 1945

The first annual member meeting of the Southern Regional Council was held in the Exhibition Galleries of Atlanta University on December 6, 1944. This meeting was preceded by meetings of the Executive, Program, Fellowship and Membership Committees at the SRC offices on December 5. It was followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Executive Directors, in their reports offered several suggestions and recommendations on the program of the Council during the coming year. The procedures authorized were:

1. *The Organization of State Divisions of the Council.* As soon as there are one hundred members of the Council in a given state, they will be organized as a nucleus for action on the state level. The by-laws and policies of such divisions would, of course, have to be in harmony with those of the Council.

2. *A Series of South-wide Conferences.* Within the limits of the budget and with the advice of the Executive Committee, the SRC will sponsor several important annual conferences. One would be a conference for the leaders of the state and local interracial committees. Another would be a strategy conference of the leaders of the major agencies working on problems of the South within the framework of the Council's interests. Still another would be a conference of religious leaders in programs of social action, with particular emphasis, perhaps, on the women's divisions of the various church bodies.

3. *A Series of State-wide Race Relations Institutes or Forums.* Each of these would run from three to five days and would attempt to reach a better cross-section of the public than is usually reached by such meetings. The Department of Race Relations of the American Missionary Association is preparing to promote a series of institutes and has asked the Council to share in their planning and sponsorship.

4. *Special Visiting Committee.* The officers of the Council, or such other groups as the Executive Committee might choose, are authorized to seek private conferences with as many Southern governors as possible in the next three months. Their discussions will not be confined to race relations, but will include the main problems of social and economic welfare in the South.

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To attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region.

Editorial

The recent annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council marked a forward step in the life of movements designed to make human relations democratic in the South. Paradoxical as it may seem race relations movements seldom have been democratic in their structure and function. In the past they operated in two ways: first, they relied very heavily upon the one-man type of leadership, one person being a spokesman for each race; second, they leaned very heavily upon the wisdom and wishes of a select few whose actions were either supported or repudiated. Today, more so than ever before, the wishes of the many become the foundation stone of action in the field of race relations. As we have implied, this is a very significant index to the changing character of movements in race relations, and if the Southern Regional Council's Member Meeting may be regarded as indicative of any trend at all it does reflect a growing desire on the part of people to face situations frankly, collectively and fearlessly.

The executives of the Council were heartened by the courage and forthrightness with which chronic and acute problems of southern life were introduced. True, SRC members did not possess all of the information, hold to all of the beliefs, decide on every action that would make living utopian, but they did make a light for ways that have been dark. No phase of relations between the races was ignored in discussion. The members realized, however, the mighty potency of words and stultifying effect of fear in furthering or arresting any program they might undertake. Though our emotions were quickened with reports of "incidents" of sex and race, of injustices, of official lethargy and community inactivity, our reason was challenged with programs of correction, amelioration, even the complete undoing of ways that had perpetuated an undemocratic South. We met to find ways of doing something more about and with all of these people, communities and problems. We stuck to our last.

Above all, perhaps, this achievement seems outstanding—we learned to discuss all of our ills without venom and emotional distress; we made new covenants and resolutions, openly arrived at. And though the SRC's diagnosis of the South is not yet complete, the organization's therapy for what is known continues. There is abundant life in the membership of the Southern Regional Council. That gives us hope.

Resolutions—*Continued*

We recommend the creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee to promote the non-discriminatory use of manpower.

3. Education

In the seventeen states and the District of Columbia which require separation of the races in their public school systems, continuing and substantial differences in the public schools for white and Negro children prevail despite requirements of educational statutes, that separate and uniform school facilities be established and maintained. These differences are reflected in the buildings and equipment, in the length of the school day, in the teacher-pupil loads, in the per-pupil expenditure, in the investments in public school property, and in teachers' salaries.

Recognizing the necessity and continuing obligation to establish equality of educational opportunity for all in order to further the establishment of a sound economy in the Southern region, and recognizing the opportunities inherent in the post-war plans for school improvements now developing in communities within these states, we accept the principles that:

1. There should exist and be available for Negro children the same types of educational opportunities as there are for white children.
2. The teacher-pupil ratio in Negro schools should be as low as that in schools for white children.
3. The length of the school day should be the same for the Negro child as it is for the white child.
4. The same types of physical accommodations and facilities in the public schools should exist and be available for Negro children as are available for white children.

We commend these principles for the consideration of all law-abiding citizens, and responsible school officials in Southern communities, and urge, in behalf of the common welfare, that action be taken to make these principles operative in all plans for public school improvements.

4. Homer P. Rainey and the University of Texas

The Southern Region Council wishes to protest the dismissal of Dr. Homer P. Rainey as President of the University of Texas. The Council believes this is a startling infringement of personal and academic freedom, and a severe blow to those Southern persons and agencies working for democratic rights.

The Southern Regional Council believes in Dr. Rainey because of his long and effective participation in progressive movements. It believes in him because of his long and effective participation in progressive movements. It believes in him because of his close association with us in the formation of SRC which he now serves as Vice-President. The Council commends him for the stand he has taken, and applauds those Texas citizens and those students and faculty members at the University of Texas who gave him such unqualified support.

Program—*Continued*

5. *Civil Rights Committees.* From time to time arise cases which the SRC might well handle for the protection of the civil rights of citizens in the region. The central staff cannot undertake to investigate personally all such cases. Therefore, the Council members approved the establishment of Civil Rights Committees in all our thirteen states. Each committee might be composed of five Council members and a legal advisor who may or may not be a member of the Council, and the duty of these Committees would be to advise the Executive Directors and the Executive Committee as to what action the Council should take in cases involving civil rights.

6. *Youth Work.* The Council authorized the taking of steps that would permit youth direct participation in the Council or the sponsoring of some sort of auxiliary or correlated youth division of the Council.

7. *Study of Police Systems.* One of the most urgent needs in the South is reform of police training and administration. Along with its program of promoting improvement wherever it can, the Council authorized the sponsorship of a comprehensive study of Southern police systems in cooperation with one or more universities. An approach of this sort would permit the Council to embark on a program which would not necessarily be tied in with the race question, yet would permit the treatment and analysis of a problem that is closely allied with race tensions.

8. *Study of Segregation and Discrimination.* The Council authorized the drawing of plans for a comprehensive study to be carried on throughout the South in the field of legal discrimination and segregation. It is proposed that ameliorative action be based upon a study of the facts as to the human and economic costs of segregation and discrimination. Such a study should provide useful material for molding public opinion on the question of equal opportunity. This study would be preceded by a conference on the subject of segregation and discrimination.

9. *Primary Test Case.* The Council authorized the Board of Directors to proceed with a legal test of the applicability of the Supreme Court decision in Smith vs Allwright in the State of Georgia if it appears that no such case is already under way.

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more specifically we recognized our opportunity and obligation to take over where the Commission on Interracial Cooperation had left off.

If I understood correctly, we thought that it would be a fine thing if we could have for the first year such a united Council devoting its energies to getting organized, providing adequate offices and minimum equipment, and exploring the preliminary ways and means for seeking direction for a continuing Council worthy of the South and the crisis which it faced.

The main thing was to have a Council united on high grounds of both purpose and strategy, having a sound philosophy and plan commensurate with attainable standards of achievement. We didn't care much what was done the first year in so far as what was done was right. In fact we thought that it might be better not to try to do too much until we were ready, knowing full well that our problem was one which had no simple or total solution but many solutions; our questions of dispute and differences of opinions had no single easy answer but many answers. We knew, too, that we had neither the wisdom for the answers nor the strategy for these solutions. But we wanted above all else for the South to try something first-class within the framework of our American democracy and the ideals of Christianity. We wanted to be American as well as Southerner and we wanted to be Christian as well as Church.

And finally, in venturing into what we believed to be the most important and the most difficult of all American problems, we knew that the hazards would be great and that the criticisms would be many and bitter from almost every level of American and southern life. But we held that when these criticisms came, knowing already that they *would* come, we should interpret them all as increasing evidence of the need for all the more singleness of purpose, hard work, and devotion to the task.

And you remember, we said that we would do our level best *not to be afraid*.

Well, we have such a Council. As I see it, the staff has done a great deal more than these minimum assignments and has more than met expectations. So, too, in many ways the criticisms and attacks have been less in number and in bitterness than I had anticipated, in spite of the extraordinary catalogue which I shall presently mention. The Executive Directors have provided for admirable office arrangements with conditions of working relationships hardly dreamed of a few years ago. The young people assisting there have not only worked with standard efficiency but also with a zeal worthy of a crusade. The Executive Directors and Secretary-Treasurer have not only done well their new assignments but have taken over a multitude of left-overs from a long and eventful record of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. And they have turned out a prodigious amount of hard and important work. In the midst of all this, they have had conflicting demands upon their time; too many things to do, too little time and help to do it with. Yet the net result must surely be one to elicit from us all not only our gratification but our high appreciation for what has been done.

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Our first feeling and reaction, therefore, is very clearly one of gratification for the progress we have made and a new enthusiasm and eagerness to go on now and do the job. Our second feeling and reaction, however, is something quite different. It is one of wide-eyed, perhaps startled, realization of the total realities involved in the catalogue of crises, misunderstandings and criticisms and in the prospect before us there is a new recognition of the hazards facing us.

There is first of all the world situation of war and suffering. With reference to our own Nation, there is mass tragedy in the making and in which there is abounding in all our American families and communities personal tragedy and more to come on such momentous scale as we have ever known. From hazard and sorrow, from personal tragedies and grief, surely we are chastened to a scorn of personal conflicts, trivial quarrels and futile conflict and bickerings and to a determined will to forget self and unimportant details. And maybe we aspire to a national humility adequate to encompass all those irresponsibles who share neither the hard work nor the sorrow of the nation.

And then abroad, the folk conflicts and tragedies are beyond any reasonable comprehension. Here are the noble Greeks again in travail. As if all slaughter and starvation were not enough, there are added now tragedies of civil strife. And the great perennially suffering Polish people; and the little democracies, peace loving and long suffering; the sensitive French and Belgians and the British and the Chinese and the Russians and all that other host of suffering people whose tragedies are a part of our heritage—surely their conflicts and tragedies, their sacrifice and suffering, make ours pale by comparison. Yes, we do have our problems and we set high store on their solution; but in the fellowship of suffering there is challenge to sympathy and patience and understanding.

Back again to our own Country: within the special field of race relations, North and West, a multitude of organizations are working to meet crises. They are differing one with another, conflicting over status and details, issuing ultimatums. From all this the conclusion seems justified that the problem is not only for the South but is among America's first. As instructed, we explored the possibilities of the President of the United States appointing a National Advisory Committee and came to the conclusion that the situation was so complicated that we agreed with "The Chief" that it could not be done to good advantage. The criticisms of the President in his prospective appointments indicated that the net result would be divisive rather than unifying.

Many of the criticisms of the Southern Regional Council have been logical and consistent repetition of the usual charge that the Council lacks courage to face the issues of segregation and that it is committed to the preservation of the Southern *status quo*. So, too, there has grown up a rising tide of bitter criticism of the South whose sweeping total assumes the proportions of a sort of symphony whose crescendo repeats the recurring motif "I hate the South." It is easily conceivable that in specific cases such a feeling would be inevitable, as in the case of Negro youth, but even if it were justifiable, I can conceive of few more important American tasks than so planning together as to eliminate this poison in our American system.

There have been currents more grievous than mere bitterness and criticisms. Some of the efforts to set race against race, to make race conflict the basis for achieving special ends and the engendering of bitterness for bitterness sake come nigh unto treason and some efforts have been treasonable in effect. So wide and so bitter have been these criticisms and so unequal the conditions of American life, that it seems clear that the most important domestic problems of post war planning must surely center around the regional quality and balance of America.

There are also serious problems of definition and of strategy. With reference to the prevailing tendency to advocate Federal coercion for the South in matters of race segregation as being a necessary tenet of American democracy, one point needs to be recognized. The essence of American democracy has always specified the consent of the governed as fundamental in both philosophy and the administration. It follows, therefore, that since the majority of southern people will not give their consent, the only possible way of achieving coercive revision would be through pure fascism or some other type of totalitarian government, insofar as this coercion is extended to the regions where overwhelming majorities will not give their consent. Whatever else it might be, it couldn't be democracy in the way of governmental administration. And so powerful conflicting forces are gaining momentum that needs to be channeled into ways of council more than conflict.

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Now coming on to the South, the hazards and criticism of the Council and its work; the realities and obstacles to be faced are scarcely less sobering; perhaps they are probably more profound and far-reaching. There have been criticisms of the Council of many sorts within and without its own set-up. Some of these criticisms you have read and you have read the illuminating replies by Hancock, Wesley, Johnson and others. Many of the criticisms have clearly ignored facts; many have reflected personal sensitiveness

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not justified in so important work. There have been criticisms of personalities and arrangements as well as of principles and practices. Yet all of this, in addition to affording measures of reality, is a normal part of the democratic process and is symbolic also of the frustration and aggression expected in times that are abnormal. Nevertheless, the test of an abiding organization doing its job in a big way must somehow be in the measure of its unity and its capacity to work together.

It has been stated both North and South that the Council was nurtured in noble words that meant nothing. Yet the reading of our resolutions and of those others stated so clearly at Durham must be convincing that the words are both specific and meaningful. To me there is meaning in the words, "a new declaration of American principles," "a new dedication to our task;" or the positive phrase "this means more specifically as bearing upon the burden of our present counseling that the Negro in the United States and in every region is entitled to and should have every guarantee of equal opportunities that every other citizen of the United States has within the framework of the American democratic system of government." All these mean to me exactly what they say. And when we said, "We dedicate ourselves unswervingly to the successful achievement of this task," I translate that to be good English saying something very definite.

The greatest reality which we face, however, is in the total mass criticism and honest fear of both the white South and the Negro leadership. On the one hand there is the sincere fear that the Council aims to do something contrary to the southern way of life as a living part of American democracy. On the other, there is fear that nothing will be done. This is the main series of criticisms that we face and we must respect it and study it. We must find out, if we plan to have an all-regional Southern Council, how many of the people of what sort will go along with us in what ways; and having found that out we must decide which is the way of leadership and which is the way of followship and determine our course accordingly.

The strategy with which we approach our task involves fundamental issues. One of these is whether the South can work increasingly well in the total integration of our national democracy with the rest of the nation. To state the problem vividly, is the South willing to work with a President or a Vice President of the United States in our Council? Or, are we so southern and they so un-American that there is no resolving of differences in practical workable ways of doing things? And equally can the rest of the nation rise to the statures of cooperation with and face the realities of the southern regional problems which are "American" if they are anything? These are profound questions which bring us back to the fundamentals of American democracy, greater than local issues, emphasizing the fact that this thing of southern regional development and the regional balance of the nation is a supreme task.

All this challenges again the Negro to a sort of superhuman wisdom and a superlative strategy through which he can mould a great transitional period in terms of and in the framework of American democracy and can cooperate with the white South and the rest of the nation in doing the most and the best that can be done. It must be clear that this is a noble task but that there is no other way by which the attainment of mastery is possible.

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This, then, is my second reaction. Our third level of sensing the situation is in terms of what to do next and how to do it. They all tell us that we must face the issue of segregation frankly. That is, the several militant groups insist that we must declare ourselves on what they assume to be the one definitive issue. For instance, the aggressively active American intellectuals and agitators, commonly called "The North", continuously push for an exact declaration, specifically bearing upon the philosophy, not the practice, of segregation. So, also, the Negro leadership of the Nation can bring itself to negotiate on no common ground that does not assume the elimination of legal segregation in America and that the very pattern of segregation, even if tenable, by its very definition, negates the whole guarantee of *equal* rights and accommodations. There are other reasons from some sources, but these are not basic to our planning now.

On the other hand, the white South insists upon a straightforward declaration with reference to segregation, also with two basic assumptions. One is that segregation is here to stay, is the only acceptable economy for the South, and cannot be eliminated in any way. Another is that it is time to go to work in what *can* be done—and quit fighting over what can't be done. Within this framework, then, it is urged that the South work straightforward and forthright to bring about more and more actual equality and services guaranteed under the law. Many southern Negroes are on record as being willing to join in such a declaration.

Now we know these demands are real and that we must face both the issues and the situations which give rise to all these assumptions. Yet there are ways and ways of taking important steps in which crisis and emergency are everywhere apparent. There is needed wisdom and maturity, strategy and honesty, science and morality, all pooled together worthy of the America which we build.

There are many evidences to indicate that we do not now have the wisdom or the maturity adequate for the task; that we have not worked long enough on a master strategy and a forthright intellectual honesty; and that we are not prepared to balance the scientific societal facts with the emotional phases or the moral issues involved. It is one thing to agree to work hard and long, faithfully and honestly, within the framework of an existing, realistic order of legal segregation to bring about better and better results, to insist on full equality before the law and in economic opportunity, and above all to leave nothing undone to prevent conflict and tragedy by devotion to this high ideal of doing what we can do. It is something different, however, to go on record as approving the principles and philosophy, the practice and pattern of legal segregation as embodied in the southern way of life. An individual may well rightly so go on record; many individuals may agree; but for an organization of leaders seeking genuine progress, having this field of race relations as one of its major areas of activity and concern, to so subscribe itself would be providing no leadership at all.

What I am suggesting, therefore, is that this strategy of working out on a mature basis the essentials of the Council's platform and program be made the special order of business for one of the special strategy conferences recommended by the Executive Directors. And, for this meeting today we have a day filled to overflowing with a two-fold task. One is to receive the report of our directors and of the committees that have been at work; to act upon their recommendations and to follow up with suggestions, discussions and encouragement. The other, then, in the afternoon, following this rich experience of participating in the first annual meeting's reports, is to open wide the doors of discussion and suggestion, and to provide then specific time and procedures for the formulation of continuing specific formulae and strategy of work.

Life is rich here and full of opportunity and hazard. Yes, we know that practically everything that everybody says is true in all the complicated maze of our interwoven culture and civilization. Yet always we are trying to ascertain what else is true and what is the relation of each truth to each other truth and to the whole. We are always trying to remember that today is not tomorrow and that we have covenanted together to so meet crisis as to let it make us do something better than we would have done without the crisis. Well, we have the crisis; what to do and how to do it, that is our problem. And there is no contradiction in the poet's exhortation "to seek, to find, to strive and not to yield."

Negro Servicemen

A recent survey by the Associated Negro Press discloses that there were 871,010 Negroes in the armed services of the United States as of October 31, 1944. Of this number 701,678 were in the Army and 169,332 in the Navy. The Army figures showed 5,804 commissioned officers; 49,483 in the Infantry; 36,302 in the Coast and Field Artillery; 867 Cavalry; 133,180 Engineers, and 408,160 in other branches. The Navy personnel included 17 officers and 142,628 enlisted; the Marines 15,771 enlisted; the Coast Guard 4 officers and 3,675 enlisted.

Exhibit II

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Persons Invited By Membership Committee Subject to Confirmation

Mr. Frank D. Alexander
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Julia F. Allen
Berea, Kentucky

The Rev. J. Hodge Alves
Alexandria, Louisiana

Mrs. Leah Pierce Argieard
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dr. Kelley Barnett
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Miss Eleanor Barrow
St. Francisville, Louisiana

Dean R. C. Beaty
Gainesville, Florida

Miss Ruby Berkley
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Gordon W. Blackwell
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Mr. Morris Bogdanow
Houston, Texas

Dr. H. C. Brearley
Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Ralph P. Bridgman
Hampton, Virginia

Miss Ina Corinne Brown
Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. J. B. Brown
Frankfort, Kentucky

Mr. Lee L. Brown
Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Merrill E. Brown
Houston, Texas

Mr. W. C. Buford
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. J. L. Clark
Huntsville, Texas

Mrs. T. C. Clark, Jr.
Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Emily H. Clay (Charter)
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. L. D. Collins
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Rev. Edwin L. Conly
Innis, Louisiana

Mrs. James S. Crate
Houston, Texas

Dr. Frank D. Daniel
Charlottesville, Virginia

Mr. T. D. Davis
Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Frank Dix
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Witherspoon Dodge
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. M. W. Dogan
Marshall, Texas

Dr. James A. Dombrowski
Nashville, Tennessee

The Rev. R. Edward Dowdy
Hollins, Virginia

L. C. Downing, M. D.
Roanoke, Virginia

Mrs. Virginia Durr
Alexandria, Virginia

Miss Alice Eastwood
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Edith G. Emerson
Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. J. F. Faber
Abbeville, Louisiana

Mr. Leo M. Favrot (Charter)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman
New Orleans, Louisiana

Miss Margaret Fisher
Atlanta, Georgia

The Rev. Samuel C. W. Fleming
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Opal Futch
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Gertrude Gewertz
Greenville, South Carolina

Mr. H. C. Goerner
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Marion E. Gonzales
Houston, Texas

Dr. H. D. Goode
Pensacola, Florida

Miss Lita Goss
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. John C. Granbery
San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. F. H. Gray
Bruni, Texas

Dr. Wm. H. Gray, Jr.
Tallahassee, Florida

The Rev. Lemuel B. Green
Milton, Florida

Dr. J. D. Hammons
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Thomaston, Georgia

Dr. D. Swan Haworth
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Mr. J. Lewis Henderson
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Mrs. William H. Hogue
Houston, Texas

Mr. Gurney P. Hood
Raleigh, North Carolina

The Rev. S. E. Howie
Memphis, Tennessee

H. Horne Huggins, M.D.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mrs. H. Horne Huggins
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mrs. G. W. Hummel
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dr. Roy E. Hyde
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mrs. Rosa Isaac
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Katharine Jocher
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The Rev. Girault M. Jones
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. Louis Kaufman
Montgomery, Alabama

Mrs. Lula S. Kelsey
Salisbury, North Carolina

Mr. Stetson Kennedy
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Howard Kester
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dr. R. A. Kilburn
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mr. Edward S. King
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. John R. Larkins
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. Monte Lemann
New Orleans, Louisiana

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey
San Antonio, Texas

Mr. Howard G. McClain
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Mr. James W. McClendon
Sarasota, Florida

Mrs. James W. McClendon
Sarasota, Florida

Mr. O. E. McKaine
Columbia, South Carolina

Mrs. Edward G. Mackay
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Harvey Lee Marcoux
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. Edward B. Martin
Athens, Georgia

Dr. Roscoe C. Martin
University, Alabama

Mrs. Joseph C. Massee
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. H. R. Merry
Covington, Kentucky

Miss Louise B. Miller
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. M. Raoul Millis
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Adele J. Minahan
Columbia, South Carolina

Miss Gladys Montgomery
Bastrop, Louisiana

Mr. Alonzo G. Moron
Atlanta, Georgia

The Rev. Jackson M. Mundy
Henderson, Kentucky

Judge J. A. H. Murphree
Gainesville, Florida

Mr. Ernest E. Neal
Dallas, Texas

Miss Mae Neptune
Decatur, Georgia

Colonel N. F. Parrish
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dr. L. L. Patton
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Rev. Julian Clyde Perry
Birmingham, Alabama

The Rev. Frank S. Persons, II
Bastrop, Louisiana

J. Mitchell Pilcher, B. D.
Montgomery, Alabama

Mrs. C. B. Pittman
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Hosea V. Price
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Rev. Robert Raible
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. L. M. Rice
Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Wallace Rogers
Atlanta, Georgia

President H. C. Russell
Paducah, Kentucky

Dr. John Q. Schisler
Nashville, Tennessee

The Rev. J. S. Scott
Houston, Texas

President J. W. Seabrook
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Houston, Texas

Mr. Leander J. Shaw
Lexington, Virginia

Mrs. Lucy Harth Smith
Lexington, Kentucky

Dr. T. Lynn Smith
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Commander Frank W. Spencer, USCGR
Savannah, Georgia

The Rev. James R. Stein, Jr.
Franklin, Virginia

Dr. H. T. Stevens
Newport News, Virginia

Miss Olive M. Stone
Valdosta, Georgia

Mr. S. Bartow Strang
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Mrs. W. B. Suddeth
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. L. M. Tobin
Sumter, South Carolina

Mr. J. M. Tydings
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

Dr. Rupert B. Vance
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dr. Patterson Wardlaw
Columbia, South Carolina

Dr. Robert A. Warner
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. Leslie N. Webb
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

Mr. H. C. Webster
Louisville, Kentucky

The Rev. Dan C. Whitsett
Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. Walter Whitson
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Janet R. Wiegand
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. B. T. Williams
Sumter, South Carolina

Mr. D. E. Williams
Tallahassee, Florida

The Rev. Peyton R. Williams
Nashville, Tennessee

Mrs. Henry Wilson
Morganton, North Carolina

Miss Lucille Womack
Atlanta, Georgia

The Rev. William Archer Wright, Jr.
Portsmouth, Virginia

Miss Louise Young
Nashville, Tennessee

Maps
Billy
Joe
McCallister
Foreman
Brownlee
Vivian

Exhibit IV

Report of

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The membership Committee has held 2 meeting. It presents for your consideration for membership, the men and women who have been invited to become members. This list is made up of people who were nominated at the charter meeting or later by members of the council, officers of state and local interracial committee in the council area, and all persons signing the South Carolina Statement of March 16.

Susan G.

To the list you have in your hands we would add the others following.
Mrs ~~Guy B.~~ Johnson , Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. J. W. Veatch, Atlanta, Georgia
Rev. Maurice Trimmer, Macon, Georgia
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hamilton, Aberdeen, Mississippi
Mrs. Paul Arrington, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. Minnie Fisher, Cunninghman, Texas
Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, Independence, Mississippi
Mrs. J. M. McReynolds, Starksville, Mississippi
Mr. Claude Grizzard, Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. E. S. Papy, Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans, La.
Mr. Leonard Beecher, Birmingham, Ala.
Mr. Reynolds, of Reynolds Metals Co., Richmond, Virginia
Mrs. David D. Jones, Greensboro, North Carolina
Mr. Sidney Cohen of Cohen Mills, Greensboro, N. C.
Mr. Stair of Bell Telephone Company,Atlanta, Ga.
W.E. Jenny
Mr. Mitchell of Georgia Power Co., Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. ~~Jimmy~~ Carmichael, Bell Bomer, Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. Edward M. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.
Miss A. Bowden, San Antonio, Texa s
Miss Virginia Cobb, Durham, North Carolina
Rev. Prince F. Jackson, San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Marian Elder Jones, Macon, Ga.
Mr. Wood H. Patrick, San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. A. S. Weiner, San Antonio, Texas
John Hope, II
Mrs Warren Zeuch, Vero Beach, Fla.

Alice
Mrs E. Stewart c/o Wesley
Bishop W. G. Bell

Associate Members :
Dr. Earl R. Brown
Dr. Clarence W. Lokey
Dr. Edgar A. Love
Dr. A. J. Walton

The Committees makes the following suggestions for your consideration.

1. That the function of the membership committee be that of planning ways of implementing the expansion of Council membership, and of passing on application for membership.
2. That the Council sponsor a membership campaign in which every member of the Council participates as an active recruiter.
3. That the membership dues remain at $1.00. but that contributions be requested of members.
4. That persons living outside the Council area who subscribe to the purposes of the Council and contribute ~~one dollar~~ $1.00 or more be accepted as associate members.

Report of Resol. Committee WA 1577

Final

We believe that every effort must be made to prepare the people of the South for the returning Negro and white soldiers. The problems which are arising already as they come back from active service or are demobilized into civilian life, call for prompt and constructive action on local, state, and regional and national levels.

With a view to encouraging the returning Negro soldiers to have faith that the democratic principles for which they have fought are to be translated into reality, we recommend:

1. Employment of all persons on the basis of ability, with due regards for seniority rights.
2. Abolition of the white primary where it exists.
3. ~~Employment of~~ Extension of the growing practice of employing Negro policemen and firemen in ~~the Negro areas of all~~ Southern cities and equal treatment of members of both races by the police and the courts.
4. Equalization of educational opportunity and of pay for teachers of both races.
5. Extension of publicly financed low cost housing.
6. Increased publicly financed medical and dental care available to both races on an equal basis.
7. That equal accommodations for Negroes as provided under the law, be actually provided on all public transportation facilities, and that discriminatory practices now common in travel be abolished.

Exhibit VI

RESOLUTION

HOMER P. RAINEY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The Southern Regional Council wishes to protest the dismissal of Dr. Homer P. Rainey as President of the University of Texas. The Council believes this is a startling infringement of personal and academic freedom, and a severe blow to those Southern persons and agencies working for democratic rights.

The Southern Regional Council believes in Dr. Rainey because of his long and effective participation in progressive movements. It believes in him because of his close association with us in the formation of SRC which he now serves as Vice-President. The Council commends him for the stand he has taken, and applauds those Texas citizens and those students and faculty members at the University of Texas who gave him such unqualified support.

Exhibit V n

EDUCATION

In the seventeen states and the District of Columbia which require separation of the races in their public school systems, continuing and substantial differences in the public schools for white and Negro children prevail despite requirements of educational statutes, that separate and uniform school facilities be established and maintained. These differences are reflected in the buildings and equipment, in the length of the school day, in the teacher-pupil loads, in the per-pupil expenditure, in the investments in public school property, and in teachers' salaries.

Recognizing the necessity and continuing obligation to establish equality of educational opportunity for all in order to further the establishment of a sound economy in the Southern region, and recognizing the opportunities inherent in the post-war plans for school improvements now developing in communities within these states, we accept the principles that:

1. There should exist and be available for Negro children the same types of educational opportunities as there are for white children.
2. The teacher-pupil ratio in Negro schools should be as low as that in schools for white children.
3. The length of the school day should be the same for the Negro child as it is for the white child
4. The same types of physical accomodations and facilities in the public schools should esixt and be available for Negro children as are available for white children.

We commend these principles for the consideration of all law-abiding citizens, and responsible school officials in Southern communities, and urge, in behalf of the common welfare, that action be taken to make these principles operative in all plans for public school improvements.

Exhibit VM

RESOLUTION

POST WAR EMPLOYMENT

The Southern Regional Council realizes the importance of encouraging and planning for an effective program of full employment in every Southern community.

We, therefore, urge that such planning include the initiation and maintenance of an effective public employment service which within its ranks and among employers will promote the effective utilization of all workers in terms of their skills and training, without regard to their race, color or creed.

We recommend that equal and effective opportunities for the technical and vocational training of Negroes be made available.

We recommend the creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee to promote the non-discriminatory use of manpower.

Nom. Com.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council

Article VI - Section 1. Executive Officers.

The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one, or more Vice President, an Executive Director, and an Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President, and the Vice President shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director Secretary-Treasurer and Councel shall be elected by vote of the Executive Committee upon the recommendations of a committee whose funtion shall be the selection and nomination of these officers. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and the Board with all the privileges of Board members, ~~except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board~~. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary, and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The executive offices of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The offices of Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 13 of Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

Exhibit 14

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report
of
The Executive Directors

1944

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I. PREFACE

The first year is the hardest—we hope! In the nine and one-half months which have elapsed since our Charter Meeting last February, we have faced more than the usual run of difficulties which a new organization has to face, but in spite of the difficulties, we feel that we have made a good start. As a preface to this report it might be well to review the conditions under which the SRC began to operate.

First, we began without a definitely charted course. It is now quite clear to your executive directors that a longer time might well have been spent in planning and in locating additional personnel before the Council was launched.

Second, we took over the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with a number of going activities which needed to be carried on without a break. These activities were a tremendous asset to the Council, but, with our limited executive and secretarial staff we were hard put to carry on the vital old work and still find time and energy to plan and execute the new work.

Third, the passing of the Commission was not without certain personal wounds and a degree of misgiving on the part of some of the state and local interracial committees as to the relation of the Council to them. This has in some measure complicated our problem of establishing working relationships with these committees.

Fourth, we began operation on a budget which would not allow very much expansion of personnel or program. True, we have come out with a fair-sized balance, but the employment of one more staff member and one additional secretary would have absorbed this balance.

Fifth, we were under attack from the North and from certain Southerners on the ground that the whole idea of a regional council was diabolical. These attacks we ignored for the most part, but they were annoying, and on several occasions it seemed wise to take time out to try to combat misrepresentations and factual errors.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The Staff We began operations with the present Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, and Secretary-Treasurer. From June 1 to November 1 we had the services of Miss Margaret L. Fisher, who was formerly with the Atlanta Regional Office of the War Manpower Commission. During this period, Miss Fisher rendered valuable service as Director of Public Relations. Miss Fisher resigned as of November 1 and is now working with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The problem of obtaining suitable personnel within the limits of our budget has been one of our special headaches. We need not remind you that under present conditions, it is difficult to find competent young people who are available for employment. We know three or four young men who have made a good start in journalism and any one of whom we would gladly take as our publicity and editorial secretary, but these young men have all gone to war. We have spent a good deal of time seeking out new personnel and investigating their qualifications. In some cases, these persons have not had quite the qualifications which we wanted, and in other cases, they have not been available for work with the Council.

On account of these obstacles, we have had to operate for most of the time with the staff with which we began. Miss Clay has cheerfully and ably carried on a tremendous burden on the secretarial and financial side of the Council, in addition to handling a great amount of the office calls and requests for literature and information. We are rapidly approaching the point where it is necessary to have an assistant secretary.

Beginning in February, our secretarial staff consisted of two typists, Miss Evelyn Kerby and Miss Grace Johnson. Miss Johnson gave up her position in August. Our staff has been augmented by the addition of Miss Jane Martin on April 1, Mrs. Philip Clayton Jay on September 13, and Mrs. Ruth Alexander who, since April 10, has divided her time between Atlanta University and the Council. These young women have borne the brunt of the office work through these trying months. They have frequently insisted upon working overtime and on holidays in order to help us through the piles of correspondence that inevitably accumulate. If it had not been for their loyalty, patience,

and good nature, we would have felt like throwing in the sponge.

The minimum staff with which we could do anything resembling effective work on our program would involve the addition of the following personnel at the earliest possible moment: (1) a publicity relations secretary; two field secretaries, one Negro and one white; (3) a financial secretary who can devote his time to the enlistment of financial support for the Council within the South, perhaps combining this with a certain amount of organizational work; and (4) an information or education secretary who can take care of the very numerous requests for information and educational materials which have been coming to us. On our present budget, we could not employ more than two of these very essential assistants.

Finances From the report of the Treasurer you will see that up to December 1, we spent $29,777.00. At this rate of expenditure, the first full year of operation will cost about $34,000.00. We have a balance of $4,639.00, though we are not particularly proud of it, since it means that we have not employed as much personnel as we had anticipated.

Many organizations which confine their activities to one state have budgets larger than ours, and we are committed to work on a broad program in 13 states! The Commission on Interracial Cooperation spent from $60,000.00 to $80,000.00 annually in its first few years. A budget of $35,000.00 a year is all right for an exploratory and planning year, but if this Council is really going to serve the South, it *must* have a much broader financial base.

Quarters The Commission's quarters which the Council took over at 710 Standard Building were very small. We knew at once that we should have to find more space if our staff and activities were to expand at all, but there was no chance for additional space at that location. As you can imagine, office space is at quite a premium in Atlanta, and this problem gave us a great deal of worry. We were fortunate in finding a solution. Through the kindness of Bishop Arthur J. Moore, we secured space on the fourth floor of the Wesley Memorial Building.

The cost of partitioning, painting, glass, floor covering, light fixtures, etc., plus the expense of moving, was approximately $2000, but we have twice our previous floor space,

and the saving in rent over a period of three years will offset the initial cost.

Membership The number of persons who have accepted charter membership in the Council is 286. The Board of Directors, at its first meeting, February 16, made no provision for the acceptance of additional members, and we were without authority to bring in new members until after the Board meeting of April 28, when a Membership Committee was established and a machinery was provided for the admission of new members. Although we have not had the facilities for putting on a sustained membership campaign, the membership has grown to 426. We believe that an intensive campaign could add from two to three thousand members during the next twelve months if the Council wishes to admit that many voting members.

The present dues of $1.00 a year are barely sufficient to pay the cost of carrying a member and providing him with Council literature. The Council should carefully consider the question of the extent to which dues should be depended upon for income. Should they be raised, or should they remain at $1.00? So far, about one-third of our members have made voluntary contributions beyond their dues, ranging from $1.00 to $25.00. The average of dues and contributions is $2.50 per member. There are, however, 34 charter members who have neglected to pay their dues.

We regret to report the resignations of Dr. Ellis Fuller of Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Ashby Jones of Atlanta. The Council has suffered loss in the deaths of Dr. J. R. E. Lee of Florida, Bishop Theodore D. Bratton of Mississippi, Dr. J. S. Clark of Louisiana, and Dr. Mary E. Branch of Texas.

Board of Directors The Board of Directors met briefly immediately after the charter meeting of February 16. The Board elected officers and executive staff, provided for the election of the Executive Committee, elected 10 additional Directors, and gave general approval of the program as suggested by the Executive Director. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who was elected President of the Council declined the office because he felt that his other duties were too heavy to permit him to do justice to it. The Executive Committee prevailed upon Dr. Howard W. Odum to accept the Presidency and he was elected at a meeting of the Executive Committee on March 22.

The Board of Directors was called for a special meeting on April 28. Among other actions the Board elected twelve Directors, all of whom accepted election except Archbiship Robert Emmett Lucey of San Antonio, who declined on account of travel distance and the pressure of other duties, and Miss Lillian Smith of Clayton, Georgia, who declined on account of disagreement with the policies of the Council. Miss Smith set forth her reasons for declining at considerable length in a letter to the Executive Director and sent copies of the letter to members of the Board as well as to a number of other persons throughout the country. Several of our Board members took occasion to write Miss Smith and were kind enough to send us copies of their letters. Although we regret that there was any controversy with Miss Smith, we feel that the exchange of letters, taken along with the earlier discussion in *Common Ground*, has been helpful in creating a better understanding of the purposes and strategy of the Council. As matters now stand, Miss Smith simply does not wish to be a member of the Council, but she has kindly expressed a willingness to cooperate with us in other ways.

The Board of Directors now has 58 elected members and 6 ex-officio members, making a total of 64. This is a large Board. Since the Council pays the expenses of Board members when they attend meetings, and since it is imperative that the Board hold at least one additional regular meeting each year, the expenses of the Board can become a considerable drain upon the financial resources of the Council. We might do well to consider whether the size of the Board might not be reduced without harm to its effective functioning.

Standing Committees At the meeting on April 28 the Board of Directors authorized the appointment of five standing committees, namely, Membership, Finance, Public Relations, Publications, Publications, and Fellows. These committees have been appointed and are at work. Three of them have met twice, and two of them once.

National Advisory Committee The By-Laws provide that the Board may create a National Advisory Committee whose function would be the coordination of our work with the work of similar organizations outside of the South. On account of the formation of the

American Council on Race Relations, we have postponed definite action on the National Advisory Committee. Since the American Council on Race Relations is to serve as a clearing house and coordinating agency for race relations activities, particularly in the North and West, it seems to us that the appointment of a small liaison committee to keep in touch with the American Council would serve the purpose intended for the National Advisory Committee, and we are so recommending to the Board of Directors.

III. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As instructed by the charter meeting, we have confined our activity almost entirely to the field of race relations. This, of course, is not a small field, because practically all of the problems with which this Council hopes to deal come back sooner or later to the problem of human relations. Let us now examine briefly the major activities of the Executive Staff since the formation of the Council.

Work With State And Local Inter-Racial Committees

Since the Commission on Interracial Cooperation had sponsored the formation of a large number of state and local interracial committees and had maintained a close working relationship with them it seemed imperative that we continue that relationship and use these committees as much as possible for the promotion of action programs on a state and local basis. As we have already pointed out, our relations with these committees have been complicated by a number of factors. Our limited financial resources have made it impossible to extend subsidies to the state committees which were accustomed to receiving a certain amount of financial aid from the Commission, and our limited staff has made it impossible to provide frequent personal contacts or field services.

However, we have kept in touch with the ten existing state organizations and have met with the Executive Committees or general meetings of the following: Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.

We have met with local committees at Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Montgomery, and Richmond, and we have, through correspondence, advised and assisted a number of old committees or committees in the process of formation. In our contacts with state and local interracial committees we have urged them to emphasize the following

problems in their program activities: post-war planning for the welfare of *all* citizens; employment opportunities for Negroes after the war; fair standards and wages in household employment; the relation of the police to race tensions; and fair play at the ballot box.

Everywhere we find that the interracial committees are conscious of a need for action but many of them are uncertain as to what to do and how to do it. We are keenly aware of the needs and potentialities of these committees and we are impatient to reach the point where we can offer them effective field services.

The problem of the structural and functional relation of the Council to the state interracial committees is not an easy one to work out, because it involves the whole question of whether these state committees are to be the main channels for promoting the program of the Council on the State level. Not all of the members of state committees are members of the Council and not all members of the Council are members of a state committee. Thus we have the question of whether we should attempt to organize all Council members in a given state into a state division of the Council and what effect such a course would have upon the interracial committee in that state. We are prepared to propose two plans. In Plan I the State interracial group would dissolve as an entity and merge with a state division of the Council consisting of all members of the Council living in a particular state. In Plan II the state interracial group would become an affiliate or cooperating organization in a somewhat informal sense. It may be, of course, that you will think it wise to organize state divisions of the Council regardless of our relation to the state interracial committees. This question deserves the earnest attention of the Council and the Board of Directors.

Cooperation With Other Agencies We have striven to build up mutually helpful relationships with a large number of other agencies in addition to the interracial committees already cited. It is impossible to present details here, but a few illustrations are in order.

1. *March of Time.* When March of Time was filming the picture *Americans All,* its photographers spent three weeks in Atlanta. We helped them plan their work, helped to get locations and participants for the scenes, and staged some scenes portraying Council activities. *Americans All* was designed to combat racial intolerance. It has been shown

widely in the North and West, but we are sorry to say that as far as we know it has not been shown by any commercial movie theatre in the South. However, we are securing a copy of the film in the 16mm. size, so that we can make use of it in private showings.

2. *Boy Scouts of America.* We have cooperated with the Region Six office of the Boy Scouts of America by writing a large number of letters to influential people in the Southeast in behalf of greater opportunities for Negro boys to participate in Scouting. We shall probably collaborate with the Region Six office in the production of a pamphlet on this subject.

3. *Committee on Southern Regional Studies and Education.* This Committee is doing some significant work in the channeling of research material on Southern resources into education. We helped the Committee with a conference which resulted in the participation of Negro educators in this work.

4. *Fisk University.* We have worked in cooperation with the Department of Social Science and the *Monthly Summary of Events and Trends in Race Relations,* which is published by the Social Science Institute and the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Your Associate Director contributes a section to the *Monthly Summary* entitled "The Front Page," which is a review of news and opinion in the Negro weekly press.

5. *Kentucky Commission on Negro Affairs.* The Governor of Kentucky has appointed a Commission to study the needs and make recommendations concerning Negroes in Kentucky. The Council has been invited to advise the Commission. Your Executive Director will go to Kentucky next week to confer with the members of the Commission.

Participation In Conferences There have been many more invitations to speak and take part in conferences and meetings than your executive directors could possibly accept. We have given our time, especially to state wide or regional meetings, when the occasions presented opportunities for us to acquaint others with the aims of the Council or to enlist the cooperation of other groups. We have had a direct part in the planning of several of these conferences. In the conference on "Demobilization Challenges the Church," which brought together representatives of various social and religious agencies from three

states, we had responsibility for the findings and we published the report of the conference.

Exhibits On an experimental basis we have used two exhibits in Atlanta, designed to promote racial tolerance. One of these is known as "The Races of Mankind" exhibit and was prepared by the Cranbrook Institute of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. It has been shown in Atlanta at Atlanta University, Glenn Memorial Church and the Central Y. W. C. A., and has been seen by approximately 2500 people. It is a splendid exhibit showing the meaning of race and the contributions of various races and cultural groups to science, art, and philosophy, but it is rather bulky and expensive to transport, so that its usefulness is limited to museums, libraries and other institutions which can afford to pay fifty dollars or more for transportation and handling.

The other exhibit is a photographic display on "The Negro in American Life" which we have purchased from the Council Against Intolerance in America. It has been used by several groups and has met with a very favorable response. It is easy to transport and is available for loan to any committee or organization which wishes to use it.

Publications As you know, we have continued the publication of *The Southern Frontier* as the official monthly organ of the Council. On account of the multitude of activities demanding attention and on account of delays at the print shop, the *Frontier* has not always reached you on time. We are not satisfied with it, but, judging from the numerous expressions of interest and commendation, we think that it is doing pretty well.

As for pamphlets we have brought up to date and reprinted "America's Tenth Man," which is by far the most popular pamphlet originated by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. We have also published "Southern Regional Council Pamphlet No. 1, entitled "The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Purpose," to take care of the numerous requests for information about the Council. We have continued to distribute such pamphlets of the Commission as seemed useful particularly "Understanding Our Neighbors," "Repairers of the Breach," "How Shall We Organize," "What About It," and "Singers in the Dawn." We had planned to issue a Council pamphlet based upon the two-volume work by Gunnar Myrdal entitled *An*

American Dilemma, but the Public Affairs Committee issued such an excellent pamphlet on this subject that we decided to use it instead. We purchased several thousand copies of their pamphlet "The Negro In America."

Several reprinted items have been very widely used. For example, we have distributed about 6500 copies of "I Never Knowed," an episode which was written up by Miss Fisher; 3000 copies of "The White Primary" leaflets; 3000 copies of an *Atlanta Constitution* article by Celestine Sibley entitled "Negroes Train for Citizenship"; and 1000 copies of "Southern Offensive," an article prepared by your Executive Director for publication in *Common Ground* in reply to criticisms of the Council by Mr. J. Saunders Redding, and Miss Lillian Smith.

One of our greatest needs at present is a manual which will serve as a guide for the organization and work of interracial committees. Persons whom we had counted on for assistance in the production of this manual have been unable to help us. We are making what progress we can in the staff toward the preparation of this manual.

The Committee on Publications has under consideration three manuscripts which have been submitted to us for publication. The first of these is a handbook for teachers which would integrate factual material about the Negro into all phases of the school curriculum. The second is a reader entitled "The Good That Is With Us" and is made up of a series of success stories showing the possibilities of interracial cooperation. The third is an autobiographical document showing the reaction of a Negro to segregation and discrimination. We shall publish one or more of these manuscripts.

In the production of new publications we want to follow the policy of seeking the cooperation of specialists in the universities and elsewhere who can prepare authoritative pamphlets which will command the respect of the public. The list of pamphlets which we should like to publish includes such subjects as The Southern People, Politics and Good Government, The Poll Tax, The Police and Race Relations, The Equalization of Educational Opportunities, Full Employment, Fair Practices in Domestic Service, Freight Rates, Small Loans, Southern Slums, and The Church and Race Relations. We have negotiated with certain experts for assistance in the writing of some of these pamphlets.

The employment of an expert in publicity and editorial work will greatly improve the quantity and quality of our publications. We shall be able to keep you better informed through *The Southern Frontier* and the mimeographed bulletin for members, and we shall be able to maintain a regular news service which will publicize the Council and its activities in a more effective way.

Honorary Fellows The By-Laws provided for the appointment of Honorary Fellows of the Council. These were to be Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for leadership and who are willing to serve the Council as observers, correspondents, advisers, etc. The Committee on Fellows which was appointed to select Fellows and supervise their activities, selected 32 Fellows. These have recently been notified of their appointment and have been sent a Memorandum outlining the ways in which they can help the Council. To date, 21 have accepted appointment. Their expressions of enthusiasm and eagerness, in their letters of acceptance, are an inspiration to us.

Here are some of the ways in which the Fellows have promised to contribute: regular reports on local situations, special investigations, public opinion surveys, newspaper clippings, finding new members or supporters for SRC, work with local committees, personal "educational" work, writing for *Southern Frontier*, preparing radio scripts, making speeches, and advising upon the Council's program. We believe that 100 Fellows of this type, with constant guidance and encouragement, can constitute a powerful force for social progress. Needless to say, the Fellow program will eventually consume most of the time of one staff member, but it will be time well spent.

The White Primary The Supreme Court decision in the Texas primary case last April produced a political crisis in the South. Most of the Democratic primaries were held soon after the decision, and it was a foregone conclusion that they would not follow the spirit of the Supreme Court's decision.

The Board of Directors of the Council at the special meeting of April 28, passed a resolution calling for the observance of the decision. This resolution was widely publicized in the press, the *Southern Frontier*, and leaflets, and it was very helpful in our efforts to exert constructive influence. The Georgia primary was not held until July 4, and

it was apparent to us that considerable tension was arising over the prospect of Negroes trying to take part in the primary.

When the State Democratic Executive Committee announced that the primary would be for white people only, we took a public stand in opposition to such a policy. When it was apparent that the Democratic Committee was standing by its decision and that Negroes were going to make only token efforts to vote, we turned our attention to the prevention of race friction in Atlanta on July 4. The techniques were: interviews with the mayor, chief of police, Negro leaders, and other persons; letters from local members to public officials and to the press; and the organization of poll-watchers. It is always difficult to evaluate the influence of such efforts, but we are convinced that they had something to do with the fact that the July 4 primary went by without a single interracial "incident."

The story of the "white primary" situation, as shown in the newspapers since the Supreme Court decision, has been summarized by Miss Fisher. This interesting report will be placed in your hands at this meeting.

We are reliably informed that the U. S. Department of Justice will probably not issue a formal statement on the applicability of the Supreme Couprt decision to various states, that it *may* institute criminal proceedings against election officials in certain places if it can get good cases, and that it has had very few complaints (only 13, in fact) from Negroes in the South concerning their treatment in the primaries of this year.

Since the legal question of the applicability of the Texas case should be cleared up as soon as possible, we suggest that, if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People does not promote a case soon, the Council should sponsor a test case, preferably in Georgia.

The "white primary" issue is something which must receive a great deal of our attention during the coming year. It seems to us that the members of this Council must do their utmost to get constructive action taken in their respective states. Without your full support, our own efforts may be almost fruitless.

Southern Slum Study We have cooperated with the Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina in laying out a comprehensive project for research and action on the subject of

slums in the South. The project would involve considerable financial outlay, and the Institute is placing it before one of the philanthropic foundations for consideration. If it received financial backing, the Council's function will be to publicize the research, dramatize the findings, and promote action. This is an excellent example of the sort of cooperative relationship which the Council can establish with research agencies in the South.

Miscellaneous Unless you spent a day or two at Council headquarters, you would have no idea of the number and variety of activities calling for our attention. The bundles of letters, the steady stream of visitors from far and near, the requests for advice and for all sorts of information—these are all a part of the day's work. We are making gradual progress in "streamlining" office functions and we are training two of our secretaries to take care of more and more of the correspondence in behalf of the Executives, but frequently there has been no solution but to put in a twelve-hour day and a seven-day week.

IV. LOOKING AHEAD

We now offer some suggestions and recommendations on the program for the coming year. Assuming that our personnel situation will be much improved within the next thirty to sixty days, we shall proceed to strengthen the program as follows:

1. We shall improve our publicity and public relations services and shall publish four or more of the proposed pamphlets during the year.

2. We shall promote a membership and financial campaign.

3. We shall strengthen our relationship to the state and local interracial groups, make definite agreements as to affiliation, and improve our services to these groups. One important service will be a planning and strategy conference for the leaders of the interracial committee.

4. We shall increase our efforts toward effective education and action on the problems to which we are already committed, namely, Race Relations, the Police and Public Safety, Household Service, Suffrage Reform, and Social Legislation.

We believe that the following procedures will be helpful in promoting the program of the Council, and we ask that

you authorize all of them, or as many of them as may seem wise to you:

1. *The Organization of State Divisions of the Council.* As soon as there are one hundred members of the Council in a given state, let them organize as a nucleus for action on the state level. The by-laws and policies of such divisions would, of course, have to be in harmony with those of the Council.

2. *A Series of South-wide Conferences.* Within the limits of the budget and with the advice of the Executive Committee, we should like to sponsor several important annual conferences. One would be a conference for the leaders of the state and local interracial committees. Another would be a closed strategy conference of the leaders of the major agencies working on problems of the South within the framework of the Council's interests. The theme of the first conference of this sort might well be "The Post-war South." Still another would be a conference of religious leaders in programs of social action, with particular emphasis, perhaps, on the women's divisions of the various church bodies.

3. *A Series of State-wide Race Relations Institutes or Forums.* Each of these would run from three to five days and would attempt to reach a better cross-section of the public than is usually reached by such meetings. The Department of Race Relations of the American Missionary Association is preparing to promote a series of institutes and has asked the Council to share in their planning and sponsorship.

4. *Special Visiting Committee.* We suggest that the officers of the Council, or such other group as the Executive Committee might choose, be delegated to seek private conferences with as many Southern governors as possible in the next three months. Their discussions should not be confined to race relations, but should include the main problems of social and economic welfare in the South.

5. *Civil Rights Committees.* From time to time there arise cases which the SRC might well handle for the protection of the civil rights of citizens in the region. The central staff cannot undertake to investigate personally all such cases. Therefore we should like to proceed to the establishment of Civil Rights Committees in all our thirteen states. Each committee would be composed of five Council members and a legal advisor who may or may not be a

member of the Council. The duty of the Committees would be to advise the Executive Directors as to what action the Council should take in cases involving civil rights.

6. *Youth Work.* This Council must not neglect the interests, the talents, and the needs of young people. We recommend that steps be taken either to permit youth direct participation in the Council or to sponsor some sort of auxiliary or correlated youth division of the Council.

7. *Study of Police Systems.* One of the most urgent needs in the South is reform of police training and administration. Along with its program of promoting improvement wherever it can, the Council might well undertake to sponsor a comprehensive study of the Southern police in cooperation with one or more universities. We have reason to believe that financial support will not be hard to get.

An approach of this sort would permit the Council to embark on a program which would not necessarily be tied in with the race question, yet would permit the treatment and analysis of a problem that is closely allied with race tensions. And who knows but that such an over-all approach might be the quickest and surest way of getting at the racial discriminations which are perpetuated under the name of law enforcement?

8. *Study of Segregation and Discrimination.* We propose that a similar comprehensive study be carried on throughout the South in the field of legal discrimination and segregation. It is proposed that ameliorative action be based upon a study of the facts as to the human and economic costs of segregation and discrimination. Such a study should provide useful material for molding public opinion on the question of equal opportunity.

9. *Primary Test Case.* We recommend that the Council proceed with a legal test of the applicability of the Supreme Court decision in *Smith vs. Allwright* in the state of Georgia if it appears that no such case is already under way.

10. *Public Statements.* These annual meetings of the Council should make good "news," in the best sense of the work. Through public statement the Council can interpret its policy and strengthen the morale of liberal thinkers throughout the South. We suggest, therefore, that the Council might wish to declare itself on several issues, namely:

(a) The obligation of the South to consider the welfare of all citizens in its postwar plans.

(b) The necessity for constructive action on the right of suffrage.

(c) The importance of enlightened police administration.

(d) The obligation of the South to accent the "equal" in the "separate-and-equal" laws.

(e) A plea for academic freedom and democratic control of our universities, and a condemnation of action of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas who recently ousted President Homer P. Rainey.

IRA DEA. REID
Associate Executive Director

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Atlanta, Georgia

December 6, 1944

RACIAL SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTH

A preliminary memorandum on a research and action project to be sponsored by

the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

submitted

by

the Executive Directors

January 31, 1945

RACIAL SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTH

The general theories underlying this study are three: first, that in theory segregation is the antithesis of democracy, and in practice means the limitation, and at times abrogation of basic citizenship rights; second, that acceptance of the principle of segregation or of established segregation is not only wrong but impolitic and inexpedient; and, third, that there is an immediate need for ignoring most of the rationalizations regarding segregation and to work out definite techinques and programs for immediate practice.

The purpose of this study, therefore, may be stated: to explore the ways and means of segregation and legalized discrimination in the South, in other words, how they work, and, to devise therefrom techniques for promoting both the theory and the structure of equality under the law.

The study would cover the theory and practices of segregation and discrimination in the several states and cities covered by the Southern Regional Council.

The study would be designed to show how segregation works, what people believe about segregation, and, what can be done about its

patterns and practices.

In its entirety the study should be completed within two years, although sub-portions of it should be available for study and action at intervals of six months periods following the study's inception.

It is recommended that the SRC set up a sub-division of its organization to be known as the Segregation Research Committee, to be composed of selected representatives from research groups and educational institutions, white and colored, to supervise the initiation and conduct of the study for the Southern Regional Council. This Committee will have a paid secretariat, and will be held responsible for the successful promotion of a program for understanding and recommending action regarding its findings.

It is recommended that a budget of $68,600 be allocated for the two year study, $15,000 of which shall be appropriated by the SRC, and $53,600 to be secured from other sources.

It is recommended that the study be conducted by the Southern Regional Council, the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences of the University of North Carolina, and the Department of Social

Sciences of Fisk University with the assistance of Fellows of the SRC. The responsibility for action on any phase of the study and the publication authority shall belong to the Southern Regional Council. Fellows of SRC shall assist in the furtherance of the study.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

	Director - 2 years	@	$6,500	$13,000
	Editorial Assistant - 2 years	@	4,500	9,000
3	Research Assistants - 1½ years	@	2,400	10,600
3	Stenographer Clerks - 2 years	@	1,800	10,800
20	Fellows for special employments averaging, for expenses and honoraria	@	500	10,000
	Meetings and promotion			2,000
	Travel - (other than fellows)			5,000
	Publications			5,000
	Office expenses and supplies			2,000
	Contingency			1,200
				$ 68,600

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH MEMORANDUM

RACE SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTH
A Series of Studies on the Political, Legal and Economic Aspects of Segregation in Principle and Practice.

THE STUDIES

I. The Economic Cost of Segregation

What is the financial cost of segregated institutions, by type (ie., schools, hospitals, etc.)? by control (public, quasi-public, as railroads, bus lines, etc)? by states? by metropolitan districts?

What are the costs in terms of overhead required? Servicing the institution?

What are the costs in terms of discriminatory expenditure of funds?

What would be the cost for similar and equal services for all of the people if there were no segregation?

II. The Legislation of Segregation

An elaboration of the studies by Mangum, Stephenson and Johnson, to show the type, number and nature of segregation laws in each of the states and their smaller political units. The analysis should provide a basis for a legal approach to the problem.

III. Public Opinion and Segregation

An extensive study of contemporary opinion on the practices of segregation and discrimination to be conducted by the SRC

by such an agency as the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver.

IV. <u>The Functioning of Equality Under the Law</u>

An analysis of judicial opinion on, the "separate but equal" theory of federal and state legislation. Use such fields as civil rights, residential segregation, etc.

V. <u>Suffrage and Segregation</u>

An analysis of the constitutional and statutory provisions aimed toward Negro disfranchisement, and, of the administrational and procedural subterfuges made possible thereby.

VI. <u>Segregation and Discrimination in _____</u>

A special study of all facets of segregation in a selected Southern Community.

August 29, 1945

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

At the annual meeting of members on December 6, 1944, it was voted "that the President appoint a committee of three to approve the minutes of this meeting." The following have been designated to serve on the committee:

Leonard Haas, Chairman
L. D. Milton
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

We shall appreciate it if you will read the minutes, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and let us know of any corrections which you think should be made. A return envelope is enclosed for your reply.

A copy of the minutes is being sent to each of the other committee members, with the request that it be returned with notations of any changes to be made. If you feel that a meeting is necessary, however, please let me know and I shall be glad to call the committee together at a time which will be convenient for you.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Same letter to
Mrs. Tilly

August 29, 1945

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Cordially yours,

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August 30, 1945.

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

My dear Miss Clay:

I have carefully examined the enclosed copy of proposed Minutes of the Membership Meeting of December 6, 1944, and wish to make the following comments thereon:

(1) On Page 5 it is stated that "The following resolution was presented by Mr. Haas." It is not stated what action, if any, was taken on the resolution presented.

(2) At the top of page 5 the following is stated:

> "In view of the previous amendment, authorizing the Executive Directors to have membership on the Executive Committee, without vote, it was agreed that this amendment to the by-laws would be unnecessary."

Frankly I do not recall whether or not any action was taken on the proposed Amendment. If none was taken, and Article VI, Section 1, of the By-Laws remain as originally written; that is to say, the prohibition against the Executive Director and Associate Executive Director being members of the Executive Committee stands, then it is in conflict with Article V, Section 1, as amended at the Meeting (see page 10), which provides that the Executive Director and Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee, but without the right to vote.

In all other respects the Minutes are correct.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Haas

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

RAY WARWICK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

October 24, 1945

Dear Council Member:

Enclosed herewith is the official notice of the annual meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning November 14, 1945, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

We shall appreciate it if you will fill in and return the accompanying blank as quickly as possible, indicating whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. If you cannot be present, will you also execute the proxy which is provided. This is essential, inasmuch as a quorum of "not less than one-fourth of the entire membership" is required for the transaction of business. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

P. S. Some of our members have overlooked paying their 1945 dues, and a few have not paid for the year 1944. If you have not sent your dues won't you please do so when you return the enclosed blank?

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 13, 1945, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 24, 1945

Please fill in and return promptly to:

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 14 _____

I shall be unable to attend the annual meeting ---------- _____

PROXY

The undersigned, a member of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., hereby constitutes and appoints Howard W. Odum, Rufus E. Clement, Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and C. H. Gillman, or any one or more of them (with full power to act without the other), or _____, the proxy of the undersigned with full power of substitution to attend a meeting of the members of the Council to be held on Wednesday November 14, 1945, and any adjournment thereof, and to vote on all questions at the Proxy's complete discretion, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at said meeting.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

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IRA DEA. REID
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Sent to all Fellows
(Postscript about dues omitted.)

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October 24, 1945

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are the official notices of the annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
2 P. M. Tuesday November 13, 1945
Conference Room, Administration Building
Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Members
10 A. M. Wednesday November 14
Exhibition Room, Library Building, Atlanta
University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We hope that you can attend both meetings, and we shall appreciate it if you will fill in and return the accompanying blank as quickly as possible, indicating whether or not we may expect you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

In case you cannot be present, kindly execute the proxy blank which is provided. This is essential, inasmuch as a quorum of "not less than one-fourth of the entire membership" is required for the transaction of business at the member meeting.

If you plan to attend the meetings and wish to have us make your room reservation, please let us know immediately. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board members during the meeting will be defrayed by the Council. An expense blank will be furnished when you register.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

P. S. Some of our members have overlooked paying their 1945 dues, and a few have not paid for the year 1944. If you have not sent your dues, won't you please do so when you return the enclosed blank?

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRA DEA. REID
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOWARD W. ODUM, PRESIDENT
P. B. YOUNG, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
HOMER P. RAINEY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
CARTER WESLEY, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMILY H. CLAY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

RAY WARWICK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 13, 1945, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 24, 1945

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building of Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Wednesday November 14, 1945, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 24, 1945

Please fill in and return promptly to:

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors
at 2 P. M. Tuesday November 13 ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the Board Meeting ---------- _____

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I plan to attend the member meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday
November 14 ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the member meeting ---------- _____

P R O X Y
for Member Meeting

The undersigned, a member of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., hereby constitutes and appoints Howard W. Odum, Rufus E. Clement, Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and C. H. Gillman, or any one or more of them (with full power to act without the other), or _____, the proxy of the undersigned with full power of substitution to attend a meeting of the members of the Council to be held on Wednesday November 14, 1945, and any adjournment thereof, and to vote on all questions at the Proxy's complete discretion, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at said meeting.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Also to
Josephine Wilkins
Leonard Hoss
Gordon B. Hancock
Sergt McNamara
Dr Odum
Carter Wesley
Dr P.B. Young
Dr. Charles S. Johnson

October 25, 1945

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Yesterday we mailed the formal notices of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Council, which will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday November 13-14.

I am now notifying you officially that the Executive Committee will hold its next meeting at 10 A. M. on Tuesday November 13, in the Council's Conference Room, immediately preceding the meeting of the Board of Directors, which will convene at 2 P. M.

A full attendance is important, inasmuch as the Committee's final recommendations to the Board must be approved at that time. We hope that you can be present, and we shall appreciate your returning the enclosed card to let us know whether or not we may expect you.

Cordially yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary

November 2, 1945

Annual Meeting
1944

Mr. L. D. Milton
The Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Thank you very much for reading and approving the minutes of the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held on December 6, 1944. You are such a busy man that it was almost an imposition to ask you to serve on this committee, but you may be sure that we greatly appreciate your willingness to do so.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

THE CITIZENS TRUST COMPANY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 16, 1945.

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I have now had time to read the minutes of the December 6, 1944 meeting of the Southern Regional Council. There seem to be no corrections that have not been made already.

Please, therefore, accept this letter as my approval.

Very truly yours,

L. D. Milton,
President.

LDM:B

To: The Staff

From: Ines B. Tillison

The following division of responsibility has been worked out for stenographic coverage of meetings next week --

Monday, November 12 -

10:00 A. M.	Committee on Fellows	-Notes- Miss Martin

Tuesday, November 13 -

9:30 A. M.	Nominating Committee	-Notes- Miss Martin
10:00 A. M.	Executive Committee	-Minutes- Miss Clay
2:00 P. M.	Board of Directors	-Minutes-Miss Clay, Mrs.Tillison
7:30 P. M.	Public Relations and Publications Committees	-Notes- Mrs. Tillison
8:30 P. M.	Finance Committee	-Notes- Miss Clay

Wednesday, November 14 -

10:00 A. M. - Meeting of Members

Registration - Miss Kerby and Mrs. Saxon in charge all day.

Miss Martin - Helping in A. M.

(On duty in SRC office in P. M.)

Mrs. Warwick -Helping in P. M.

(On duty in SRC office in A. M.)

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November 9, 1945

Presented to Annual Meeting Nov. 14, 1945
Adopted, with the exception of that part which refers to the name - the selection of a name being left to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Publications held a joint meeting November 13, at 7:30 P.M. in the Southern Regional Council office. Mr. Virginius Dabney presided.

Present also were Dr. Gordon Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, Dr. A. W. Dent, Guy B. Johnson, and Ray Warwick.

It was decided to bring the following recommendations to the Members:

(1) That the format of the Council's monthly publication be changed to pocket size; that a plan for special quarterly issues be adopted; and that the name of the publication be changed to THE NEW SOUTH.

(2) That the yearly subscription price of THE NEW SOUTH be $1.00, including special quarterly issues; that yearly subscriptions to all SRC publications of the Council, including THE NEW SOUTH, be $2.00; and that those subscribing for all publications be eligible for membership if they wish it.

Virginius Dabney, Chairman
Committee on Public Relations

Gordon B. Hancock, Chairman
Committee on Publications

November 12, 1945

Miss Clay:

Have read the minutes of the 1944 Annual Meeting of members of the Southern Regional Council, and approve them with the suggested corrections.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

November 21, 1945

Honorable Alben W. Barkley
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Barkley:

At the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council, which was held in Atlanta on November 14, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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> WHEREAS, A majority of the Senators have committed themselves in writing to vote for this bill, when it comes before the Senate, and
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> WHEREAS, There is now no question about the desire of Congress to pass the bill, but merely one of whether democracy in this country will be frustrated by a filibuster, we are therefore
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> RESOLVED To urge upon President Truman, Senator Barkley and all of our elected representatives in Congress to prove to the people of this country and to the world that democracy can work in this country, by holding H.R. 7 before the Senate until the Senate has had a chance to vote upon it.

The Council also unanimously passed a further resolution stating that: "It is the sense of this body that the United States Employment Service should remain in the control of the Federal Government."

The Southern Regional Council is a voluntary organization with members living in thirteen Southern States. It represents the efforts of liberal Southerners of both races to give democracy a better chance to function in the South. It believes in the improvement of economic, civic and educational conditions for the good of all people. A leaflet containing a brief description of the origin, functions and structure of the Council is enclosed for your information.

I am pleased to communicate this message to you in behalf of the Southern Regional Council.

With highest esteem and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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November 21, 1945

President Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dictated 12/3/45 - GBS

Dr. Johnson presented a report on the Council's activities during 1945. He began by stating that the size and efficiency of the staff, both administrative and clerical, had been increased considerably, that the Council membership had more than doubled, and that many thousands of people had become acquainted with the work of the Council through conferences and literature and publicity. He then presented details of program activities under the following headings: (1) work with state interracial committees; (2) work with local committees; (3) conferences and advisory services; (4) cooperation with other agencies; (5) information services; (6) publications; (7) research projects; (8) the work of the Council fellows; (9) veterans' work; (10) FEPC; (11) white primary; (12) lynchings; and (13) miscellaneous activities.

Dr. Johnson then pointed out certain trends and issues which are facing the South and which need the wholehearted attention of the Council. These were: (1) employment opportunities for Negroes; (2) fair treatment of Negroes in the administration of veterans' services; (3) law enforcement, with particular reference to the relation of the police to racial friction; (4) the danger of revival of extra-legal and reactionary agencies; (5) increasing political participation by Negroes; and (6) the equalization of facilities and opportunities in education, health, transportation, recreation, etc.

In concluding he emphasized the importance of envisioning the Council's structure in terms of a mass membership with emphasis on state and local action; the necessity of finding a larger financial support; and the importance of achieving a clearer understanding of the aims and strategy of the Council.

approval of 1945 annual minutes

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 31, 1945

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3
Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

I have carefully read the minutes of the November 14 meeting of the Southern Regional Council. I have no corrections to make or questions to raise in connection with them. They are, therefore, approved as submitted.

It has been most pleasant and profitable to work with you and the other members of the Council as well as with the members of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation through the years.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Rufus E. Clement

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Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

26 December 1945

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Southern Regional Council

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am returning herewith copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council, which at the request of Dr. Odum you sent me for review. As a member of the Committee, designated by Dr. Odum, I concur in their approval.

It pleases me greatly to learn that all were delighted with Mr. Williams. I know of no man more devoted to the South than Mr. Williams and no one who esteems our retiring President more highly.

Please extend for me to all at Council's headquarters the Season's greetings and say for me that it is my earnest prayer that Bethlehem's Babe will bestow on each of them His choicest blessings.

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

December 19, 1945

Mr. Louis I. Jaffe
The Virginia-Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

Dr. Odum asked us to request you to serve on a committee with Dr. Rufus E. Clement and Msgr. T. James McNamara to review the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council on November 14. I am, therefore, sending you herewith a copy of the minutes. If you wish to suggest any revision, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will make marginal notes and return the copy in the enclosed envelope.

The season's greetings to you from all of us here.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

December 19, 1945

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Dr. Odum asked us to request you to serve on a committee with Dr. Rufus E. Clement and Mr. Louis I. Jaffe to review the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council on November 14. I am, therefore, sending you herewith a copy of the minutes. If you wish to suggest any revision, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will make marginal notes and return the copy in the enclosed envelope.

As you perhaps know, Mr. Williams spent two days with us last week, and Dr. Johnson and Mr. Warwick had an opportunity to advise with him on the future program of the Council. I am sure that we shall profit greatly by this visit, and I want you to know that we are all delighted with our new President. We appreciate the influence which you exerted to persuade him to accept the presidency.

The season's greetings to you from all of us here.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

December 19, 1945

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Odum:

Dr. Johnson and I have taken the liberty of appointing, in your name, a committee composed of Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. Louis I. Jaffe, and Msgr. T. James McNamara to review the minutes of the annual meeting of the Council on November 14. We hope this meets with your approval. Copies of the minutes are being mailed to the committee today.

Last night I wrote you a little personal note to express my appreciation for all that you have done for the Council. I intended to add your home address after I reached the office. Inadvertently, however, I dropped it in the mail with other cards. I hope it reaches you promptly, anyway.

The season's greetings to you from all of us here.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

December 19, 1945

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

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While working on the minutes, I was very conscious of the constructive suggestions which you made all through the meeting, and I recalled that this has been true of meetings which you have attended in the past. As a member of the Council, and as Secretary, I want to express appreciation for the valuable contribution which you always make to our programs.

The season's greetings to you from all of us here.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

MEMORANDUM

PROPOSED

YOUTH SERVICE SECTION

of

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PURPOSE - To stimulate, initiate and service group consideration and action among young people of the South, particularly college and church groups, ~~and~~ the social and economic problems of the South, placing special emphasis upon

1 - Promoting a desire for understanding and discussing these problems, and,

2 - Developing a socially constructive point of view with reference to their amelioration --

all within the SRC's special fields of interest.

ORGANIZATION - Eventually it is hoped to have a Youth Service's Secretary and an assistant or associate Secretary on the SRC staff. Since it is desirable to undertake this program immediately it is recommended that the work be initiated as follows

I.- Select 2 Fellows, one white, one colored, in each state to serve as organizers of the Youth Service Section in those areas;

II - Have these Fellows prepare lists of youth organizations and their leaders

1. On the various college campuses

2. In the larger church organizations of the larger communities

3. Such state or city-wide organizations of youth as may exist.

Have these lists submitted to SRC.

III - Have literature on the South especially designed for these groups, prepared for distribution and discussion in these various groups. Send, for

example, the UNC Memorandum on Negroes--preparing a brief list of questions to accompany it. Also, prepare--or have prepared other memoranda for discussion and distribution.

IV - Prepare a discussion or action memorandum for these groups as the basis for informal for formal meetings.

V - Prepare an itinerary for Fellows and/or other SRC representatives to discuss The South: Its Problems and Potentialities (or some kindred subject) at specially designed talk-fests.

VI - Arrange a program of volunteer experience where these students may serve some cause in their home community, as a proving ground for testing their interests and abilities, and, as a means for testing what may and may not be done with success.

The promotion of such a program might be based upon a 5 months budget of $1,200.00 to be expended as follows:

Services and expenses of 26 Fellows in 13 states	@ $25.00 each	$ 630.00
Literature		250.00
Promotion and Visits of SRC Staff Members		200.00
Incidentials		120.00
		$1,200.00

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

As adopted at the Charter Meeting, Atlanta, February 16-17, 1944.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in October in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, as it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting. Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Quorum. At all meetings of members the presence, in person or by proxy, of not less than one-fourth of the entire membership, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence of a quorum the members present in person or by proxy at the time and place fixed by Section 3 of this Article II for an annual meeting, or fixed by the notice of a special meeting, or at the time and place of any adjournment thereof, by majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over sixty days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 7. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure.

Section 8. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex-officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. After each meeting of members of the corporation at which a Board of Directors shall have been elected, the Board of Directors so elected shall meet as soon as practicable for the transaction of business, at such time and place as may be designated by the members of the corporation at such meeting. No notice of such first meeting shall be necessary if held as hereinbefore provided.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meetings at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and Vice President, who shall be ex officio members, selected from the membership of the Board in such way as the Board may determine. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

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BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

[As adopted at the Charter Meeting, Atlanta, February 16-17, 1944.
and Amended at Annual Meeting
December 6, 1944] Nov. 14, 1945

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

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ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

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as revised

SRC By-laws

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 14, 1945

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in November in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, as it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting.

Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members,

provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The President, the Vice President, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meeting at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and three Vice Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on

matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary,and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and so when acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 22, 1944

Doctor Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Johnson:

I am enclosing the sheet which you mailed, stating that it may be possible for me to attend your meeting on the 27th or 29th.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM/B
Encl.

N. B. I will serve on the membership Committee.
B. E. M.

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... ( )

I regret that I can not accept appointment to this Committee..... ( )

Please indicate below the dates and hours on which you could conveniently attend the first meeting of the Committee on Membership.

	10 A.M.	3 P.M.
May 24		
May 27	✓?	
May 29	✓?	

Guy Amis Johnson

Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

N.B. This is in the midst of my Commencement but will try to make it. May 24 I am in Atlanta City. Might share a point at ten on 27 or 29.

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... (X)

I regret that I cannot accept appointment to this Committee..... ( )

Please indicate below the dates and hours on which you could conveniently attend the first meeting of the Committee on Membership.

	10 A.M.	3 P.M.
May 24	____	____
May 27	____	____
May 29	____	____

Louis E. Burnham EC
Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Burnham will be in the north until the middle of June. Anytime after that would be convenient to him for a meeting. Esther Cooper
Executive Secretary

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... ( )

I regret that I can not accept appointment to this Committee..... ( )

Please indicate below the dates and hours on which you could conveniently attend the first meeting of the Committee on Membership.

	10 A.M.	3 P.M.
May 24	_____	_____
May 27	_____	_____
May 29	_____	_____

I shall probably be out of town morning next week.

R. L. Farnsworth

Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... (✓)

I regret that I cannot accept appointment to this Committee..... ( )

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May 24		✓
May 27	✓	✓
May 29	✓	

Grace T. Hamilton
Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... ( )

I regret that I cannot accept appointment to this Committee..... (✓)

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May 24	_____	_____
May 27	_____	_____
May 29	_____	_____

I will be in Chattanooga on all three of the above dates, and I think it best not to try to serve on this Committee.

Eleanor Knight
Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

I accept appointment to the Committee on Membership.... (✓)

I regret that I can not accept appointment to this Committee..... ( )

Please indicate below the dates and hours on which you could conveniently attend the first meeting of the Committee on Membership.

	10 A.M.	3 P.M.
May 24	✓	✓
May 27	✓	✓
May 29		✓

Frank McCallister
Signature

Please mail to:

Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

May 24, 1944

Dr. King Vivion
McKendree Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Vivion:

I have been out of town for several days and so was not able to reply immediately to your letter of May 17.

As I see the work of the Committee on Membership it would be about as follows. At the first meeting we should bring in a number of people whom we want as members, and who can be admitted only by formal action of the Committee. We should also discuss ways and means of enlarging our membership and at the same time preserve balance and quality. This meeting will probably take two or three hours. I believe that after we have taken care of these matters and established a procedure, we would not need to have frequent meetings, since the chief duties of the Committee, aside from the admission or rejection of members, would be to formulate recommendations to the Board of Directors on such matters as types of membership, amount of dues, the problem of wide-open versus limited membership, etc. My guess is that we would need to come together about three times a year. Needless to say, the expenses of the Committee members will be borne by the Council.

It may be that after we get going smoothely, routine votes on the admission or rejection of new members can be handled by mail. I have not consulted our counsel on this point, but I am inclined to think that he will say that this is right.

I sincerely hope that you can see your way clear to serving on this Committee. I shall appreciate your sending me your decision by telegram collect. Since there has been some delay in getting replies from one or two other members of the Committee, I am a little doubtful as to whether we can have our first meeting on May 29. If we can not meet then, would June 1, 2, or 3 be suitable to you?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

McKendree Methodist Church

Nashville, Tennessee

PASTOR'S STUDY

May 17, 1944

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
710 Standard Bldg.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

Your gracious invitation for me to come to be a member of your Committee on Membership is certainly appreciated and I am perfectly willing to do what I can do, and yet, with the responsibility of a great downtown church, it will not be possible for me to come to Atlanta frequently. If you could indicate the duties of this committee in a little fuller way and something about the nature of the number of meetings to attend in Atlanta, I could give a more intelligent answer. For instance, in the three dates which you suggest, May 24-27-29, it would be impossible for me to be with you in Atlanta except on May 29.

Assuring you of my interest, and yet not anxious to occupy an official responsibility when someone else could be more active, with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours

King Vivion

King Vivion

KV/E

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

May 16, 1944

Dr. King Vivion
McKendree Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Vivion:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council on April 28, certain standing committees were authorized. I am instructed by Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Council and Chairman of the Board, to request that you serve on the Committee on Membership. I trust that you will be willing to accept this appointment.

This letter also sent to ---------- Other persons who are being asked to serve on this Committee are: Dr. Ryland Knight, Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Mr. Louis Burnham, Mr. Frank McCallister, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, and Mr. R. L. Foreman, Jr.

refused
accepted

One of the functions of the Committee on Membership is to pass on new members so that they may be invited to membership without further delay. We are very much in need of a meeting of the Committee at the earliest possible time. I hope, therefore, that it will be possible for the Committee to meet in Atlanta on one of the following dates--May 24, 27, or 29. A reply sheet is enclosed for your convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Enclosure

May 26, 1944

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
225 Kellogg Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Tilly:

I understand that you will probably be returning to Atlanta soon. I hope this is true. We want you to be a member of the Council Committee on Membership. Would you be willing to serve as co-chairman of the Committee with Dr. Benjamin Mays?

Others who are being asked to serve on this Committee are: R. L. Foreman, Jr., Benjamin Mays, Mrs. Grace Hamilton, Frank McCallister, King Vivion, and Louis E. Burnham.

We are looking forward to seeing you back at the old stamping ground.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

To Members of the Committee on Membership:

There has been a necessary delay in the arrangements for the first meeting of this Committee. The first meeting is now called for Friday, June 2 at 3 P.M., Room 710, Standard Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

If you can not attend at this time will you please write or call me at your earliest convenience.

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

MINUTES OF THE SRC COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, JUNE 2, 1944

710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

PRESENT: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Benjamin E. Mays, Frank McCallister; Guy B. Johnson, Ira De A. Reid, ex officio.

ABSENT: Louis E. Burnham, R. L. Foreman, Jr., Mrs. M. E. Tilly, King Vivion.

1. By unanimous consent, Dr. Mays and Mrs. Tilly were chosen to serve as Co-Chairmen. Dr. Mays presided at this meeting.

2. It was voted that for the time being the membership of the Southern Regional Council be increased indefinitely.

3. The list of persons nominated at the charter meeting or later by members of the Council was read by Guy B. Johnson, and it was voted that all of these persons be invited to membership.

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MINUTES OF THE SRC COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, JUNE 2, 1944

710 Standard Building
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PRESENT: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Benjamin E. Mays, Frank McCallister; Guy B. Johnson, Ira De A. Reid, ex officio.

ABSENT: Louis E. Burnham, R. L. Foreman, Jr., Mrs. M. E. Tilly, King Vivion.

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Mr. Hosia V. Price Winston-Salem, North Carolina	Attorney	
Mr. Haywood Williams Durham, North Carolina	Vice President, American Federation of Labor, North Carolina Chapter	
Mrs. John R. Tarpley Greensboro, North Carolina	President, North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association	
Colonel Noel F. Parrish Tuskegee, Alabama	Post Headquarters Tuskegee Army Air Field	
Mr. Algernon Blair Montgomery, Alabama	Contractor; has built many hospitals and housing projects throughout the Southeast; bank director	
Colonel E. H. Dibble Tuskegee, Alabama	Veterans Facility	

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Mr. James E. Chappell Birmingham, Alabama	Editor, The Birmingham News	
Mr. Louis Pizitz Birmingham, Alabama	Pizitz Department Store	
Mr. Thomas W. Martin Birmingham, Alabama	President, Alabama Power Company	
The Rev. Peyton R. Williams Nashville, Tennessee	Episcopal Rector of Christ Church	
Miss Louise B. Miller Atlanta, Georgia	Staff of Committee on Women's Work Presbyterian Church	
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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

TO MEMBERS OF THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

I am authorized by Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Dr. Benjamin Mays, Co-
Chairman of the Committee, to call a meeting at the following time and place:

12 o'clock noon; December 5, 1944
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

I hope that you will make every effort to be present.

Cordially yours,

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MINUTES OF THE SRC COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, DECEMBER 5, 1944

Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

PRESENT: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Mr. Frank McCallister, Mrs. M. E. Tilly; Guy B. Johnson, Ira De A. Reid, es officio.

ABSENT: Dr. Benjamin Mays, Joseph King Vivion, R. L. Foreman, Jr., Louis E. Burnham.

1. Mrs. M. E. Tilly presided at this meeting as present co-chairman.

2. The meeting opened with the minutes of the last meeting, June 2, 1944, being read by Mrs. Hamilton.

3. It was voted that all persons listed under part II of Appendix A (all SRC members other than charter members) be passed by the Committee on Membership.

4. It was voted that all persons listed on a supplementary list, compiled after the completion of Appendix A of the Executive Directors' Report to the members, be passed by the Committee on Membership.

5. The following names were proposed for invitation to membership:

Rev. J. W. Veatch, Atlanta, Georgia
Rev. Maurice Trimmer, Macon, Georgia
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hamilton, Aberdeen, Mississippi
Mrs. Paul Arrington, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Texas
Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, Independence, Mississippi
Mrs. J. M. McReynolds, Starksville, Mississippi
Mr. Claude Grissard, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. E. S. Papy, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans, Louisiana
Mr. Leonard Beecher, Birmingham, Alabama
Mr. Reynolds, of Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond, Virginia
Mrs. David D. Jones, Greensboro, North Carolina
Mr. Sidney Cohen of Cohen Mills, Greensboro, North Carolina
Mr. Stair of Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta.
Mr. Mitchell of Georgia Power Company, Atlanta.
Mr. Jimmy Carmichael, Bell Bomber, Atlanta.

6. It was voted that the chief report of the Membership Committee to the SRC members be the following recommendation: that the base of SRC membership be broadened indefinitely, and that the Council sponsor a membership campaign in which every member of this Council participates as an active recruiter.

7. It was voted that the membership dues of $1.00 not be increased for the current year, but that additional contributions should be encouraged.

8. The function of the Committee on Membership was stated as that of planning ways of implementing the expansion of Council membership.

9. The meeting was adjourned.

SRC Com on membership

October 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and
Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Co-Chairmen
Committee on Membership

From: Guy B. Johnson

Subject: Meeting of Committee on Membership

As you know, the annual meeting of the Counsil will be held in Atlanta on November 14. The Executive Committee will meet on the morning of November 15 and the Board of Directors will meet in the afternoon.

We need to call a meeting of the Committee on Membership before the annual meeting. I have tried to get some of the other standing committees to meet in October, but the chairman said that it would not be possible for them to make two trips to Atlanta within such a short period. Consequently, they are holding their meetings in connection with the annual meeting. Perhaps you would like to follow the same procedure for the Committee on Membership. If so, this would mean that the committee would meet sometime on Monday, November 12, since the schedule for November 13 is completely filled.

The question then is whether to ask your committee to meet on November 12 or at some earlier date, preferably November 2 or 3. I will await your instructions for the calling of the committee.

To refresh your memory, the other members of the Committee on Membership are: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Atlanta; Mr. Frank McCallister, Atlanta; Mr. R. L. Foreman, Jr., Atlanta; Mr. Louis E. Burnham, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. King Vivion, Nashville, Tennessee.

GBJ:IBT

This letter also sent to Dr. King Vivion, McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville 3, Tennessee, with copy to Dr. Mays and Mrs. Tilly.

October 25, 1945

Mr. Louis E. Burnham
526 Masonic Temple Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I am authorized by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Co-chairmen of the Committee on Membership, to call a meeting of this Committee at the Council headquarters at 10 A. M. on November 3. I hope very much that you can attend.

The schedule in connection with the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Members on November 13 and 14 is so crowded that it seemed best to call this committee in advance of the annual meeting. I realize that this may work some hardship on the two members of the committee who live outside of Atlanta, particularly if they also plan to attend the annual meeting. There are enough Atlanta members of the Committee to form a quorum but I hope that you will attend if you possibly can. Your expenses will be paid by the Council.

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This letter also sent to Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, 239 Auburn Ave. N. E.; and Mr. Frank McCallister, Natl. War Labor Board, 17th Floor Candler Bldg., Atlanta; with copy to Dr. Mays and Mrs. Tilly.

October 25, 1945

Mr. R. L. Foreman, Jr.
First National Bank Building
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Presented to Board of Directors
Nov. 13, 1945. Adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Annual Meeting— Southern Regional Council

November 14, 1945

The Membership Committee of the Southern Regional Council met 10:00 A. M. , November 3, 1945, in the conference room of the Council.

Since a quorum was not present the meeting was unofficial. However we bring to the Board of Directors for consideration the following resolutions:

I. That we confirm the membership of all those who have signed the membership cards and paid their dues since the 1944 annual meeting.

II. That the annual dues be increased to two dollars.

III. Since there are plans in the making for a promotional campaign for members and contributors, the membership committee be discontinued.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Dr. Benj. E. Mays

Co-chairmen

MEMORANDUM ON MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Saturday, November 3, 1945, 10 A. M.

Those present at the meeting were: Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mr. R. L. Foreman, Jr., Members of the Committee, and Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director of the Council. Since a quorum was not present, the meeting was unofficial. However, it was decided to discuss the business before the Committee and to transmit suggestions to the Board of Directors.

There was some discussion of the growth of the membership. Dr. Johnson reported that the number of members is now between 1,000 and 1,100. He pointed out that it would take a great deal of time to prepare for reading at the annual meeting a list of all persons who had joined the Council since the last meeting. He suggested that a resolution be presented at the annual meeting confirming all those persons who have signed membership cards and paid their dues since the 1944 annual meeting. This was agreed upon.

The question of dues was discussed. Dr. Johnson stated that he had brought this matter to the attention of the Executive Committee at its September meeting, and had been instructed to bring in a recommendation on increasing the Council dues. A promotional campaign for members and contricutors is being prepared by Mr. Warwick, and since it seems probable that the annual meeting will vote to raise the dues, it was thought best to hold up the promotion drive until we know what the 1946 dues will be.

Dr. Johnson also pointed out that the Council is handicapped in working out cooperative dues arrangements with state committees because the Council dues are so low at present. He stated that it would help very much if dues were high enough so that one payment would cover membership in the Council and in a state committee or division. It was agreed to recommend that the dues be increased to two dollars a year.

Mr. Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, was asked to come in and discuss some ideas which he is working on for the improvement of Council publications and promotional literature.

After further informal discussion, the meeting adjourned.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Atlanta, Georgia

Miss Julia F. Allen
Berea, Kentucky

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December 13, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In reply to your letter of November 17, inviting me to serve on the Southern Regional Council's Committee on Public Relations, please accept this letter as confirmation of my acceptance which has already been tendered you verbally.

I shall wait to hear from you or from Mr. Dabney about the way in which I may serve on the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Bill

William Y. Bell, Jr.
Southern Field Director.

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November 22, 1944.

My dear Dr. Johnson;

Thank you for your letter with regards to the appointment on the Committee on Public Relations. I shall be very glad to accept this, and unless something unforseen happens I can be at the meeting On December 5th at 10:00 A. M.

I had hoped long ere this to have had some definite information about our Annual meeting of the Florida Council, but so far I have not heard from Bishop Wing. Mr. Bridges and I think that it would be wise now to postpone it until January. But we will discuss it futher with you in Atlanta.

Cordially yours,

Jane Havens.

Mrs. Henry Havens.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
Regional Council,
Atlanta, Georgia.

See here at SRC meeting GBJ

Com. on Pub. Rel.

November 17, 1944

Mr. William Y. Bell, Jr.
158 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am authorized by Dr. Howard Odum, President of the Council, to ask you to serve on the Council's Committee on Public Relations. I hope that you will be willing to accept this appointment. We are very much in need of your counsel.

The committee should meet on the day before the annual meeting which is scheduled for December 6. Will 10:00 A.M. December 5 be satisfactory to you? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:j

Com on Pub Rel.

November 17, 1944

Mr. Virginius Dabney
The Times Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

I am authorized by Dr. Howard Odum, President of the Council, to ask you to serve on the Council's Committee on Public Relations, and to be Chairman of the Committee. I hope that you will be willing to accept this appointment. We are very much in need of your counsel.

The committee should meet on the day before the annual meeting which is scheduled for December 6. Will 10:00 A.M. December 5 be satisfactory to you? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:j

Com on Pub. Rel.

November 17, 1944

Mr. John Griffin
162 Fourth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am authorized by Dr. Howard Odum, President of the Council, to ask you to serve on the Council's Committee on Public Relations. I hope that you will be willing to accept this appointment. We are very much in need of your counsel.

The committee should meet on the day before the annual meeting which is scheduled for December 6. Will 10:00 A.M. December 5 be satisfactory to you? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXecutive Director

GBJ:j

Com. on Pub. Rel.

November 17, 1944

Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Havens:

I am authorized by Dr. Howard Odum, President of the Council, to ask you to serve on the Council's Committee on Public Relations. I hope that you will be willing to accept this appointment. We are very much in need of your counsel.

The committee should meet on the day before the annual meeting which is scheduled for December 6. Will 10:00 A.M. December 5 be satisfactory to you? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:j

Com on Pub Rel

November 17, 1944

Mr. C. A. Scott
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am authorized by Dr. Howard Odum, President of the Council, to ask you to serve on the Council's Committee on Public Relations. I hope that you will be willing to accept this appointment. We are very much in need of your counsel.

The committee should meet on the day before the annual meeting which is scheduled for December 6. Will 10:00 A.M. December 5 be satisfactory to you? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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Public Relations Committee

October 2, 1945

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear V:

Our new public relations man, Ray Warwick, presented several suggestions on publications and public relations to the September meeting of the Executive Committee. It was voted that these proposals be brought to the Committee on Public Relations, of which you are Chairman, and the Committee on Publications, of which Dr. Hancock is Chairman.

I wonder if it would be a good idea to try to get these two committees together for a joint meeting? Could you meet in Atlanta some time during October? If so, please give us two or three possible dates. I am writing a similar letter to Dr. Hancock. I suggest that you and he confer on this and choose the best dates for both of you.

As you know, the annual meeting has been postponed from October 10 to November 14, which means that the Board will meet on November 15. Since the Committees on Public Relations and Publications will have more proposals to consider than any other standing committees, I doubt whether they could hold a satisfactory meeting on the same day as the Board. For that reason, I believe that it would be better for these committees to transact their business well in advance of the Board meeting.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:IBT

P. S. To refresh your memory, your committee members are William Y. Bell, Jr., Mrs. Henry Havens, and C. A. Scott. Mr. Bell has been ill lately and has taken a long vacation, but I think he may be back in Atlanta within the next couple of weeks.

GBJ

Richmond Times-Dispatch
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VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

October 4, 1945.

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., NE.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have talked with Dr. Hancock, and we both think that it ought to be readily possible for us to have the joint meeting of the two committees at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 13th, Since the board does not meet until 2:00 P.M., it seems to us that we could dispose of these matters readily by lunch time. We would have about three hours of meeting time, and both of us are inclined to think that this would be sufficient.

Do you agree that this would be adequate? If so, will you please call a meeting of both committees for 10:00 A. M. on the morning of November 13th at such a place as you think would be most convenient. Presumably that would be at your Council headquarters.

If there is any reason why this plan is not feasible, will you let us know? We both find it difficult to get to Atlanta during October, and should like to make one trip do, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

V

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M

October 9, 1945

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond 11, Virginia

Dear Dabney:

Thank you for your letter of October 4. I wish that there were time to hold the meeting of the two committees on Tuesday morning, November 13. I have just been in touch with Charles S. Johnson about the best time for the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and he prefers to have it the morning of November 13. I am sorry to say that this will rule out any other committee meetings on that day.

What about the afternoon of November 12 for the joint meeting of the Committees on Public Relations and Publications? This means three days in Atlanta for members of the standing committees, but this is probably better than making an extra trip. Please consult Dr. Hancock and let me know your decision.

We shall provide the members of the committees with a memorandum which will enable them to think over the major problems before they come to the meeting.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

GBJ:IBT

Copy to Dr. Hancock.

Public Relations Committee

October 15, 1945

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear V:

Thanks for your letter. I certainly would hate for you and Dr. Hancock to miss the annual meeting so I would vote for your second alternative, namely, holding the joint committee meetings on the night of Tuesday, November 13.

I shall notify the members of the committees in behalf of you and Dr. Hancock that the meeting will be held at Council headquarters on the evening of November 13.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Copy to Dr. Hancock.

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October 13, 1945.

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Guy:

I have gone over the whole proposition of our projected joint committee meeting with Dr. Hancock, and we are able to make two alternate proposals. The fact that neither of us is able to spend three days in Atlanta has made it necessary for us to try to work out something which will keep us there only two days.

(1) We can leave here Sunday evening (Nov. 10) and have a joint committee meeting in Atlanta on Monday. In that event, it would be necessary for both of us to leave Atlanta on Tuesday night, and thus we would miss the entire Wednesday program, which we are reluctant to do.

(2) We could hold joint committee meetings on Tuesday night, assuming that the board will not meet Tuesday night. This would make for a very strenuous day on Tuesday, but we are willing to operate on that basis, if you think the board will not hold a night session Tuesday. If this arrangement is made, we both can stay until the night train Wednesday.

We both regret our inability to come to Atlanta between now and the annual meeting or to stay in Atlanta three days. Please let us know what your pleasure is. We desire to meet your wishes to the utmost of our ~~desir~~ability.

Sincerely yours,

V

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M

October 17, 1945

Mr. C. A. Scott
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scott:

After consultation with Mr. Virginius Dabney, Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, I am authorized to call a meeting of the committee for 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 13 at Council headquarters.

This will be a joint meeting with the Committee on Publications to consider a number of important proposals which will be made by Mr. Ray Warwick, our new Director of Public Relations. I hope that you can be present.

As you know, the annual meeting of the Council will be held on November 14, the Executive Committee meets on the morning of the 13th, and the Board of Directors meets in the afternoon. For this reason it is necessary to hold some of the standing committee meetings in the evening.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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Also to: Mrs. Havens, W.Y. Bell, Jr.

Presented to Annual Meeting Nov. 14, 1945
Adopted, with the exception of that part which refers to the name - the selection of a name being left to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Publications held a joint meeting November 13, at 7:30 P.M. in the Southern Regional Council office. Mr. Virginius Dabney presided.

Present also were Dr. Gordon Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, Dr. A. W. Dent, Guy B. Johnson, and Ray Warwick.

It was decided to bring the following recommendations to the Members:

(1) That the format of the Council's monthly publication be changed to pocket size; that a plan for special quarterly issues be adopted; and that the name of the publication be changed to THE NEW SOUTH.

(2) That the yearly subscription price of THE NEW SOUTH be $1.00, including special quarterly issues; that yearly subscriptions to all SRC publications of the Council, including THE NEW SOUTH, be $2.00; and that those subscribing for all publications be eligible for membership if they wish it.

Virginius Dabney, Chairman
Committee on Public Relations

Gordon B. Hancock, Chairman
Committee on Publications

General Outline of Public Relations Committee meeting:

Present: Virginius Dabney, Chairman, Dr. Odum, Mrs. Henry Havens, Mr. W. Y. Bell, Jr. Dr. Johnson

Mr. Dabney commented that the biggest need is for public relations, something to get SRC before the p blic.

Discussion of Mr. Gill.--his speaking ability, qualifications, possibility of gettingetc.

Dr. Odum brought up Mr. Herbert. Discussion of his, possibilities, etc.

Discussion of the fact that we would want to reach the civic club men, and that we needed someone to reach these men.

Dr. Odum--"We might have to go on the 'cause' method, not just research".

Dabney: "Seems to me that there are several parts of this problem." L. someone who can go all over the South and meet people and tell them what we are doing.

Interruption with comment on Rotarty etc clubs.

Dabney: Soldier demobilization and the problem there. Discussion of by Havens and Bell, and the necessity of impressing the p blic with the necessity for some post war plans for the south.

Johnson: Brought up suggestions of a South wide post war conference. bringing in the chiefs of police and other experts, dramatize the publicity.

Dr. Odum: I wish this group could sort of be a Chairman on publicity and reporting.

Discussion on all the above. Bell and Dabney selected to frame resolutions.

May 4, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics and Sociology
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I am delighted that you were able to attend the Board meeting last Friday, but I am sorry that we did not have a chance for a long conversation.

I appreciated your letter urging me to accept Dr. McGuinn's invitation to speak at Virginia Union University on May 5. I wish that I could have accepted, but I am so thoroughly snowed under with engagements and office work that it was impossible.

I am asking Dr. Odum to appoint you Chairman of the newly created Committee on Publications. As soon as this is done, I shall write you further about some of the matters which we have discussed.

I have been turning over in my mind the possible usefulness of a pamphlet made up of sermonettes on race relations. It would be composed of excerpts from sermons by white and Negro preachers of all faiths. It would be particularly useful to ministers and others who are looking for material to use on Race Relations Sunday. If you think well of the idea, we can explore it further, and it might become one of the first projects for the Committee on Publications.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

DEPT. OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

April 19, 1944

GORDON B. HANCOCK

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have just arrived from Little Rock, Arkansas, where I had the rare privilege of addressing about 500 women, white and colored, from the thirteen Southern states. I left feeling satisfied that I sold them the Southern Regional Council. I feel quite certain that our stock has gone up in the South, especially among the women. I want to thank you for the list you sent.

Dr. H. G. McGuinn, of this college, is going to extend you an invitation to come here to address a meeting of great importance. He has no money, and there will be no honorarium, but if you come, you will seize a great opportunity to put our work further before the people. Allow me to personally urge you to come at his invitation.

Expect me in Atlanta on the morning of the 28th.

Yours very faithfully,

Gordon B. Hancock

Gordon B. Hancock.

GBH/s

Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
95 Fairlie Street, N. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

May 17, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics and Sociology
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I am glad that you liked my reply to the articles in COMMON GROUND. I shall try to get reprints of my article so that every member of the Council can have one.

I am also using some of the points from my reply in a new pamphlet about the Council. We are out of the pamphlet which gives the Durham-Atlanta-Richmond Conference statements, and since we are still getting many requests for the statements, I thought it best to do a pamphlet which would tell something about the Council and its program, as well as reprint the statements. The contents of the new pamphlet will be as follows:

HOW THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL BEGAN

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation

The Durham-Atlanta-Richmond Conferences

Organization of the Council

THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

PROGRAM AND METHODS

THE REGIONAL APPROACH

After this comes the Appendix containing the Conference statements and the charter of the Council.

Dr. Odum sent me the copy of your letter to COMMON GROUND. I enjoyed it very much. It was certainly a devastating criticism. I shall be interested to know what the editor says in reply.

I wish I could have been at the meeting of the Association of Teachers of Social Science. It must have been a very interesting occasion. I shall be watching for your news release on this conference.

There is one task which I hope the Committee on Publications can dispose of in the near future. This has to do with a manuscript prepared by Dr. Edwin L. Clarke of Rollins College under the title "Education and Race Relations: A Handbook Showing How School Subjects At All Levels May Be Used in Promoting

Interracial Understanding." Briefly, here is the history of this manuscript. About ten years ago, one of Mr. Eleazer's Conferences on Education and Race Relations recommended the preparation of a handbook which would be useful in the public elementary and high schools. Dr. Clarke undertook this job, and after a year or so he submitted the manuscript. For some reason, the manuscript was kicked around here and there over a period of several years, and was finally returned to Dr. Clarke without any definite decision as to whether the Commission wanted to sponsor its publication. Dr. Clarke has revised the manuscript a couple of times, the latest time being, I believe, about two years ago, and he has recently reopened the matter by asking us whether the Council would be interested in sponsoring the publication of the work.

This manuscript is being sent to you by prepaid express. I am urging you to read it at your earliest opportunity and to write a brief critical evaluation of it. I hope that you will be quite hard-boiled in your judgment, because we do not want to sponsor a publication of this sort unless there is very good reason to believe that it will really be useful. Dr. Clarke realizes, of course, that the content of the work will need to be brought up to date, and he is quite willing to do this if the manuscript seems to be worth publishing.

With highest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

DEPT. OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

GORDON B. HANCOCK

Twelfth May
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Dr Guy B Johnson
95 Fairlie Street NW
Atlanta Georgia

Dear Dr Johnson:

Thanks for the privilege of reading your reply to Mr Redding. You have annihilated the fellow compeletely. He may try to come back somehow or other but is because he is dead and does not know it. His was apparently the ablest superficiality I have run across in a long time you ~~you~~ put everything on the ball and he went out on three strikes. I want to thank you personally for the able reply; for able it is, and so far as the reply is concerned it is fulsome.

Your statement is more than a reply it is a commentary on the program we are espousing thats hould have wide circulation. I am here suggesting that your reply be made one of our publications for I believe that we have nothing at present that so ably sets forth our ideals and objectives. I am convinced that with your article already in hand and with my offer to send one, Miss Anderson will see that after all we are not so many pushovers, but we have some fight and are not willing to play merely the role of cry-babies.

On last Friday night the Association of Teachers of Social Science in Negro Colleges met here and the featured address of one Mrs Eugene Meyers of The Washington Post was long heralded. In her address she advocated the regional approach. She further served notice on the Negroes that the millenium which they were seeking was not just around the corner. Her first position therefore attacked the "solid front" doctrine so variously employed in the attack on our SRC. Her second point features what many call "gradualism" which is often charged against us. There were in the audience large numbers who had attacked the SRC on these two grounds and yet not a one would even ask Mrs Meyers a question. I tried to "sick" them on her by asking if she really meant to advocate the "regional approach"?. She answered in the affirmative and not a word came from the "antis". I left the meeting not a little disgusted that these same persons who covertly and overtly make a practice of disparaging the SRC did not have the courage to attack Mrs Meyers fundamental position which is the same as ours. Of course in my release to the Associated Negro Press this week I paid these fellows my "compliements". Watch for the release which will come this week or next.

I feel that the time demands men who are willing to go to the bat even as you have already gone and as I am itching to go. We are too strong to be pushed over. Too many fine men and women are with us and conditions are vindicating our position. But by all means have your reply printed and circulated; it answers all the questions and is calculated to silence these "superficialists" who studiously or ignorantly overlook the causal relation between segregation and prejudice. It is more than passing strange that you and I both emphasized this point. I do not know what Miss Anderson will tell me and I do not care a great deal. You have said enough and that is sufficient.

Yours —

Gordon B Hancock

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June 2, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Johnson:

I shall be pleased to serve as a member on the Committee on Publications of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

June 2, 1944.

Dr. Guy Johnson,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I shall be glad to serve on your Committee on Publications. The probability is that I shall be the learner, rather than the helper, but I am glad to serve, just the same.

Sincerely,

Mildred R. Mell

Mildred R. Mell

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Zone 11.

VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

May 31, 1944.

Dear Guy Johnson:

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee on Publications under Dr. Gordon B. Hancock. I hope it will be possible for me to attend the first meeting.

Trusting all goes well with the Council, I am

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

May 29, 1944

Dear Council Members:

At a special meeting in Atlanta on April 28 the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council set up several standing committees of the Council. I am authorized by Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Council, to ask the following members to serve on the Committee on Publications:

* Gordon B. Hancock, Chairman, Richmond, Virginia
* William E. Cole, Knoxville, Tennessee
* Virginius Dabney, Richmond, Virginia
* A. W. Dent, New Orleans, Louisiana
* Mildred Hall, Decatur, Georgia

The function of this Committee is "to advise with the executive staff on matters pertaining to publications and editorial policy." As soon as we have had acceptances we shall make plans for the first meeting of the Committee. I believe that the Committee will not need to meet frequently, but members may be called upon from time to time to look over proposed publications and express their opinions.

I trust that you will be willing to accept this appointment. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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June 16, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics and Sociology
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I have just returned from a trip to Knoxville where I made several talks and tried to be of help to the local interracial committee.

Thank you for reading the Clarke manuscript and for sending your criticisms. I am asking Miss Clay to send you a check for $25.00 as an honorarium for your services.

What do you think of asking a man who is familiar with public school curricula to read the manuscript from the standpoint of what might or might not be usable in the schools? If you think well of the idea I might try to get Mr. Robert Cousins of Atlanta to give us his critical opinion. Perhaps we can come to some decision about the Clarke manuscript at the first meeting of the Committee on Publications.

As for the pamphlet on Christianity and race relations, I believe that the most usable thing, at present, would be a series of sermonettes of about one page each. They could be extracts or condensations which have been preached, or they could be written especially for our purpose. They should represent the attitudes of the outstanding ministers of the various faiths in the South. We know of several good sermons which were preached last February on Race Relations Sunday, and we shall be glad to help you get in touch with the ministers if you want to pursue this project.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

June 15, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Department of Economics and Sociology
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Your letter of June 8 and the Clarke manuscript have arrived during the absence of Dr. Johnson. He will be back in the office in a few days, and I am sure he will get in touch with you then.

Sincerely yours,

Jane T. Martin

DEPT. OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

GORDON B. HANCOCK

June 8, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
95 Fairlie St., N. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

No doubt you have received the returned manuscript. I read it with much pleasure and interest. The fellow really has something. Just how this "good stuff" could be kicked around so long is a mystery to me. I believe he has something that we can use to great profit. I know of nothing better in the field.

There are some minor criticisms that I would offer in case we decided to sponsor its publication. On page 3, paragraph 3, he falls into the "little taxes" fallacy. This should be corrected. On page 9, he refers to the Nat Turner Rebellion as the "most terrible episode." That is highly questionable. On page 18, he mentions celebrated Negro athletes. I thought Joe Louis should have been included. At the bottom of page 17, and the top of page 18, there is need for clarification--a little vague. On page 19, his proposition needs modification ~~and~~ or deletion; his generalizations are too sweeping. On the whole, I find it a constructive work, and I would love to see it published. I feel that a large use can be found for it.

If you still want me to write the article on the Christian Formula in Race Relations, I shall be glad to do so, now that school is out and I shall have a breathing spell.

Let me hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

Gordon B. Hancock

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VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

TELEPHONE 3-4242

November 24, 1944.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Guy:

I shall be glad to attend the meeting of Dr. Hancock's committee on the afternoon of December 5th, if I can get away from my own committee by that time. I shall certainly try to work this out.

Sincerely yours,

Virginius Dabney

Virginius Dabney.

VD/M

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TO MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

I am authorized by Dr. Gordon B. Hancock Chairman of the Committee, to call a meeting at the following time and place:

4:30 P. M., December 5, 1944
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

I hope that you will make every effort to be present.

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Publications Com

October 2, 1945

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Our new public relations man, Ray Warwick, presented several suggestions on publications and public relations to the September meeting of the Executive Committee. It was voted that these proposals be brought to the Committee on Publications, of which you are Chairman, and the Committee on Public Relations, of which Mr. Dabney is Chairman.

I wonder if it would be a good idea to try to get these two committees together for a joint meeting? Could you meet in Atlanta some time during October? If so, please give us two or three possible dates. I am writing a similar letter to Mr. Dabney. I suggest that you and he confer on this and choose the best dates for both of you.

As you know, the annual meeting has been postponed from October 10 to November 14, which means that the Board will meet on November 13. Since the Committees on Public Relations and Publications will have more proposals to consider than any other standing committees, I doubt whether they could hold a satisfactory meeting on the same day as the Board. For that reason, I believe that it would be better for these committees to transact their business well in advance of the Board meeting.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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P. S. To refresh your memory, your committee members are William E. Cole, Knoxville, Mr. Dabney, A. W. Dent, New Orleans, and Mildred Mell, Decatur, Georgia.

GBJ:IB

October 17, 1945

Dr. William E. Cole
Department of Agricultural Relations
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

SRC

Dear Bill:

After consultation with Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee on Publications, I am authorized to call a meeting of the committee for 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 13 at Council headquarters.

This will be a joint meeting with the Committee on Public Relations to consider a number of important proposals which will be made by Mr. Ray Warwick, our new Director of Public Relations. I hope that you can be present.

As you know, the annual meeting of the Council will be held on November 14, the Executive Committee meets on the morning of the 13th, and the Board of Directors meets in the afternoon. For this reason it is necessary to hold some of the standing committee meetings in the evening.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

This letter also to: Virginius Dabney, A. W. Dent, Dr. Mildred Mell.

Copy to Dr. Hancock

November 6, 1945

Dr. Mildred R. Mell
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mell:

Thank you for your letter of November 2. We hate to lose you from the Publications Committee, but I realize that you have more than enough to keep you busy at the college and that you must conserve your energies for the work there.

As a matter of fact, we are thinking of asking the Board to discharge the standing committees and substitute a central advisory committee to take care of urgent matters between meetings of the Executive Committee. Members of the standing committees are scattered from Virginia to Texas and from Kentucky to Florida, so it is very hard to get them together. Also, now that we are over some of our growing pains, we have less need for the specialized committees.

I do wish you would let us keep you on the Honorary Fellows roll. The fine work which you do in your teaching is more than a good many of Fellows have done. We promise not to ask you to do anything special.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Nov.2, 1945.

Dr. Guy Johnson,
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I should have answered a notice I had from you some time ago. There is really no excuse I can give for not having done so except the usual one of too much work to do. The notice was about the meeting of the Publications Committee. I appreciate your making me a member of one of your committees, but right now I do not seem to be useful except for the daily routine here at the college, so I am writing to ask that you let me resign even at this late date.

You also were good enough to make me an Honorary Fellow, but all last year I worked under a handicap and so I cannot point to any particular services which I actually rendered the Council. This year I want to just be a regular member sending you my contribution for the year and promising that I shall be doing all that I can to further the good of the Council.

Sincerely,

Mildred R. Mell

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THE NEW FRONTIER

Is The South's 20% Democracy Enough?

By Stetson Kennedy

IN 1944 there were an estimated 14,500,000 potential voters in the eight poll tax states,* but only 2,700,000, or 19 per cent, of them voted. In contrast with this, 57 per cent of the potential voters in the free voting states took part in the election. In the 1940 election, 22 per cent of the potential voted in the poll tax states ,as compared to 82 per cent in the free voting states. Taking 82 per cent as a maximum, it follows that 8,698,560 possible voters did not cast ballots in the poll tax states in 1940; in the 1942 election, the total of "unused" ballots rose to 10,000,000.

However, even when the 57 per cent 1944 wartime free state vote is taken as a maximum, it means that 5,500,000 did not vote in the poll tax states that years. The ratio of whites to Negroes not voting is approximately three-to-two.

The Realities

Some have argued that in the Solid South the Democratic primary provides the real contest, and that it draws a heavier vote than the general election. At least the latter half of this proposition is incorrect. In 1944 the total primary vote in the eight poll tax states was 1,334,000, as compared to 2, 767,000 votes cast in the general election. In other words, the primary vote was less than half the general election vote, or 7.7 per cent of the potential as compared to 19 per cent. It should be remarked, however, that of the 79 Congressional districts in the eight poll tax states, 25 did not conduct primaries in 1944 and in 15 others the primary candidates had no opponents. In 36 districts the Democratic nominees were unopposed in the general election.

Deliberate Disfranchisement

That the poll tax is intended to be a means of disfranchisement rather than a fiscal measure or financial 'test' is conclusively demonstrated by the fact that advance notice of its being due is seldom, if ever, given either publicly or individually and once the deadline for payment has passed the state makes no effort to collect the tax. The constitution of Mississippi, as a matter of fact, expressly provides that "No criminal proceedings shall be allowed to enforce the collection of the poll tax." If the poll tax were a bona fide attempt to raise funds, there is no reason why it should not be collected, as is being done in North Carolina and 23 other states, without making denial of suffrage one of the penalties for non-payment.

Not for Revenue

Facts do not bear out contentions that the poll tax has any substantial value as a fiscal measure. The all-time high percentage of a poll tax state's revenue obtained from this source was only 1.8 per cent, collected by Virginia in 1937. Alabama, a more typical example, derives only 0.6 per cent of its revenue from the

*"Potential" voters here means all persons of voting age. The eight poll tax states were Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Georgia repealed its poll tax in February, 1945.

THE COST OF VOTING IN DOLLARS AND DAYS' WORK

State	Annual Poll Tax Payment	Maximum Poll Tax Payment	Per Capita Income, 1940	No. of Days' Work to Pay Poll Tax for Man and Wife Who Are 1 Year Delinquent
Alabama	$1.50	$36.00[1]	$268.00	6¾
Arkansas	1.00	2.00	247.00	5
Mississippi	2.00	6.00[2]	220.00	11
South Carolina	1.00	1.05	287.00	2¼
Tennessee	1.00	2.58	320.00	3
Texas	1.00	1.75	423.00	2½
Virginia	1.50	5.01[3]	455.00	4

[1] Cumulative from age 21 to 45.
[2] Cumulative 2 years; counties can levy another $1.
[3] Cumulative 3 years.

While the amount of the poll tax may seem insignificant to persons in the upper income brackets, its discriminatory and even prohibitive nature stands out clearly against the background of per capita income. If the poll tax were levied on the basis of earnings, the upper income groups would more fully appreciate the burden the tax imposes upon the poor.

poll tax.

Equally unsubstantiated is the allegation that the poll tax makes an important contribution to education. In none of the poll tax states does the tax provide as much as five per cent of the state's educational fund. The Birmingham Teachers Association resolved in 1945, "Although the revenue received from the poll tax goes to education in Alabama, the oligarchic practice should no longer be allowed to stifle the achievement for which education exists — freedom to act wisely. It will mean more to education in Alabama to have the citizens we have trained take part in the settling of political questions than to receive the pittance from the tax and then see the vital matters of the state decided by only 10 to 30 per cent of the people, many of whom have been prodded by political leaders to dig up the price of the tax."

In 1943 Justice Neil of the Tennessee supreme court said, "The point is made that the revenue derived from poll taxes must be set aside as part of a sacred fund and shall not be diverted to any other purpose. . . . This is a pure fiction. It is a well-known fact that there has been no such fund in existence for more than fifty years. The legislature has not thought of the poll tax as a source of revenue for school purposes and set it aside as a separate fund for more than a generation."

The Real Reasons

Judicial recognition of the real nature of the poll tax has likewise been forthcoming from other states. For example, the Supreme Court of Appeals in Virginia has held* that the imposition of the poll tax was not intended primarily for the production of revenue but to limit the right of suffrage. Similarly, a subcommittee created by the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council (an official body created by the legislature) reported in 1941 that:

"The poll tax requirement was introduced into the present constitution for the express purpose of serving as a restriction on the free exercise of the suffrage; and it continues beyond any reasonable doubt to constitute a restriction in practice. The most cursory study of the proceedings of the constitutional convention of 1901 will easily establish the frank intention of those who introduced the poll tax stipu-

*Campbell v. Goode, 172 Va. 463, 2S.E. (2d) 156.

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What About Human Equality?

By W. Hardin Hughes

IN COUNTLESS WAYS, men are unequal. White people are no exception to the rule. They are tall and short, weak and strong, intelligent and idiotic, cultured and uncultured, saintly and sinful. With respect to every measurable characteristic, they cover the entire scale. Other peoples — black, brown and yellow — are correspondingly dissimilar among themselves. The principle of individual differences, in short, applies to every people of the globe.

But why elaborate the individual differences of men; differences which are as much in evidence in one race as in another! Are not the common aspects of human nature and of society at least as important as the variables? The common needs, the common values, the common goals—these are the equalities in question. Everywhere, the commonality of mankind is unmistakable. The races are so similar as to be rightly classified as a single species. The same physiological principles apply to all.

The Expectations

Likewise, the same psychological factors need be taken into account in any scientific analysis of human conduct and relationship. Everywhere and in all time men strive, however blindly, for the realization of certain human values. Whether happiness is **the** universal goal, or whether it is the natural accompaniment of the good life, it is nevertheless **a** universal goal. Furthermore, neither happiness nor unhappiness can be segregated. Unhappiness anywhere in society has its unhappy effects elsewhere. No majority, however numerous and powerful, can insure its own continuous happiness by restricting the happiness of others. The Golden Rule has become a social necessity.

An essential condition of happiness is freedom. From earliest infancy, men respond unhappily to arbitrary and unnecessary, and especially to inequitable, limitations of freedom. Necessary limitations are in a different category, but they must be recognized as equitable. There is no greater source of unhappiness in the family, the community, the nation, and in the family of nations throughout the world, than the feeling on the part of some members that they are discriminated against. Discriminations are always violations of human freedom.

Correspondingly universal is the common need for security. If happiness is to be realized in any considerable measure, freedom and security must go hand in hand. Unlimited freedom would inevitably lead to insecurity; while absolute security would invalidate the very conditions under which progress and happiness are attainable. Men need, however, to be secure in their physical lives and in the economic possibilities for sustaining them. They need, furthermore, to be secure in the common rights to "liberty and the pursuit of happiness" guaranteed, at least on paper, by the supreme law of the land. Like happiness and freedom, security cannot be segregated. There can be no sharp line of demarcation between those who are secure and those who are insecure. A state of insecurity anywhere endangers security everywhere.

New Directions

No less important is the need for social identification. Beginning in early childhood, the individual develops a feeling of "consciousness of kind," and a sense of oneness with his primary group. These early experiences, similar as they are throughout the world, account in large measure for the common ethical ideals of mankind. The in-group characteristics—mutual aid, fair dealing, truthfulness, sympathy, loyalty, and the like—become the ethical bases for all religions. Only in a society in which there is mutual identification of its members can there be a full realization of these ideals. Mutual understanding and a true "consciousness of

THEY WORKED . . .

A strong plea for the rights of Negroes in the South is made here by a soldier—a white Southerner speaking in behalf of the Negroes who fought and worked to win a war against would-be oppressors of mankind and who are coming home to find still far too little of the Democracy in whose name they served.

The Veteran Speaks Out

Editor:

It seems queer to me that in peacetime in the South (I am from Texas) we stop to think of the color or creed of a man before we'll permit him to be educated properly or to hold office. But when there is a war to fight, we never think of creed or color. We say that all men must fight for their freedom.

I wonder just what kind of freedom our colored troops fought and died for! Texans can't give a decent answer to this question, for there is no freedom for the Negro. He is paid as low wages as he can be browbeaten into accepting, and there are some who would work him for nothing, if such were possible.

I am neither colored nor a religious fanatic, but I have seen what the colored troops have done. Without their help, in many instances, the white boys would have lost out.

Perhaps it is best that we keep white and colored segregated in our schools, but it is wrong that we do not offer them the same educational advantages that our own children are given. It is wrong, too, to say that a man who is colored can not work here or there and that, just because he is colored, he can not draw as good wages as the white man.

I am afraid that all race prejudice is gone from the boys who have fought this war, and it isn't going to be wise for any man, regardless of race, color, creed or profession, to try to abuse the colored people any more. The veterans of this war have learned that freedom means more than just freedom for the white man.

The South should wake up and build schools for the children of the colored veterans who fought and died to keep America safe from Fascism. Give them the same kind of education given our children. It is not their fault that they are uneducated. It is our fault and that of our forefathers, who brought them as slaves into this country. White boys who have seen Negroes die to save their "buddies" and to help keep America free, are not in favor of the "Jim Crow" law. The politicians had better get busy and get that law off the books, if they want to hold public office. If you don't believe me, find a boy from the South who served overseas in and around colored units during combat—I don't mean a fellow who served in a rear echelon—and ask him his opinion.

THEY FOUGHT . . .

This is written in all sincerity by a veteran of four years and seven months' service in the Army, 11 months of it overseas and nine in combat; and he's still overseas.

S/Sgt. Joe J. Gilmer,
Co. C, 301st Med. Bn.

(And here is another letter, especially encouraging because it comes from a veteran from Mississippi, which was recently published in "Yank," the Army magazine. Sergeant Jones' statement is made particularly strong by his frankness and keen sense of right.)

Dear Yank:

I received a copy of your magazine and read that the AMG is letting the Germans go back to school. After that, I read in *Mail Call* about the Jim Crow treatment of colored American soldiers.

Now, I am from Mississippi. Until I came into the Army I hated Negroes. It wasn't anything they did to me; I just didn't like them. Since I have been in the ETO I have fought from D-Day to VE-Day with Negro soldiers. I was wounded twice in one foxhole and a Negro saved my life by using his first-aid kit on me. Then he carried me to where a doctor would work on me. This was under heavy fire. Later, he died. He was from New York and he knew I was from the South where he had no freedom.

. . . AND DIED

Many Negro soldiers have died on the front for American soldiers who thought Jim Crow was right. So, if the Germans can have freedom after they have caused so much suffering and destruction, why not let the Negro race have what they fought for? I feel that they should, and a lot of Southern GIs feel the same way.

T/Sgt. Willie Jones.

Germany.

SRC Annual Meeting Set for November, New Publication Program Recommended

SRC's Executive Committee, at a special called session in Atlanta September 18, voted to set back the Council's annual meeting from the originally scheduled October 10 date to November 14 and heard proposals for a promotional campaign for new members and a revised publication program with greater emphasis on leaflets for popular consumption.

The Committee, with Dr. Charles S. Johnson presiding, voted to recommend that a "streamlined" publication program outlined by SRC's recently appointed Director of Public Relations, Ray Warwick, be put into effect.

Present at the special session, called because the regular August meeting had to be postponed, were Dr. Johnson, Chairman; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. C. H. Gillman, Mr. Leonard Haas, Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara; and SRC staff members—Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director; Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Associate Executive Director; Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Services.

Dr. Howard W. Odum, President, and Mr. Carter Wesley, Vice-President, both of whom had planned to come, were unable to attend because of last-minute developments.

Phi Beta Kappa Members Debate Action on Segregated Schools

Dr. Broadus Mitchell, Acting Director of Research for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Virginius Dabney, editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, debate in the autumn issue of Phi Beta Kappa's *The Key Reporter* whether the society should deny charters to colleges which do not admit Negro students.

Dr. Mitchell suggested in a letter that Phi Beta Kappa, before granting a charter, "demand that a condition for receiving one be that no discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin be practiced." He based the suggestion on a recent resolution by the Senate of Phi Beta Kappa which said, "The Senate would deplore in colleges holding or applying for charters of Phi Beta Kappa discriminations affecting the faculties or student bodies in such a way as to limit the spirit of free inquiry and teaching."

Mr. Dabney, in a reply letter written at the request of *The Key Reporter*, said "it would be unwise for Phi Beta Kappa to forbid the establishment of any future chapters at institutions which are operated for one race only. . . . The question . . . is whether . . . pressure of the sort proposed by Dr. Mitchell would be helpful or harmful. . . . Today many white Southerners are trying to work out the horribly complex race problem to the mutual benefit of both races and the nation. . . . It cannot be stressed too often, however, that as far as the South is concerned, the worst way to promote a fair deal for the Negro—and it must be freely conceded that he has not had such a deal—is through the application of drastic pressure from outside the South. This may seem silly and even outrageous to those who are unfamiliar with the situation, but is is indisputable."

Louisiana Vote Case Dismissed As Court Battles Continue

Judge Caillouet last month dismissed without opinion the complaint filed in the case of Edward Hall against the registrar of voters in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. The complaint alleged that Hall, a qualified Negro, was denied the right to register by T. J. Nagel, registrar, who subjected Hall and other Negroes to tests not required of white registrants.

The complaint on behalf of Hall and other Negro citizens asked for a declaratory judgment, an injunction and $5,000 damages. NAACP lawyers are preparing to appeal the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

In a similar case from Tuskegee, Alabama, filed on behalf of William P. Mitchell against local registrars of Macon County, Alabama, argument on motion to dismiss took place in federal court in Montgomery on September 20th. Counsel for the registrar, including former Judge "Speed" Callaghan, judge of the Scottsboro trials, argued that the federal court did not have jurisdiction to consider a case on the refusal to register Negroes because of race or color. He argued that the case should be tried in the local state courts. After completion of the argument, the case was taken under advisement and a decision is expected within two weeks.

In Atlanta, Ga., it was discovered that although the case filed by the NAACP against the local registrar brought about the sending of the lists of Negro voters to the precinct polls on election day, September 5th, nevertheless election officials refused to permit Negroes to vote in the "white primary." NAACP lawyers are preparing for filing additional cases against the local election officials. At the same time, they are insisting that the Department of Justice prosecute these election officials for violation of federal statutes.

Georgia Committee Announces Affiliation with SRC

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation announced this month its affiliation with the Southern Regional Council. The announcement said: "Our cause is strengthened by this affiliation. In matters of general concern, the program of the Council and the Georgia Committee is one. We urge our members to cooperate with the Council in its efforts for a better South."

R. L. Russell of McDonough is state director and George Clary of Savannah is chairman of the Georgia committee.

The committee's news letter reported that the Gainesville committee of the Georgia committee was organized by State Chairman Clary last month. The Gainesville committee started with 33 members. Urging members to help the State committee attain its goal of 10,000 members, the letter reported also that the Fulton-DeKalb committee had reached a membership of more than 200 and that the Augusta committee was steadily increasing membership.

Court Rules Negro in Demo Party

Circuit Judge Joseph H. White, West Palm Beach, announced last month that he would issue a writ directing the county registration supervisor to list J. H. Terrell, Negro dentist, as a member of the Democratic Party. The decision came after a hearing, pending since March, in which Terrell complained in a petition that he had been denied registration as a Democrat.

"The South Can Produce," was the title of a recent editorial in the *Atlanta Journal* commenting on the wartime increase of car-loadings of freight in the Southeast. Statistics showed that loading of canned goods rose from 8,386 cars in 1939 to 44,295 in 1944; pulp and paper products averaged 93,831 cars a year during the four war years, compared to 77,390 in 1939; grain products increased from 56,029 cars in 1939 to 81,184 in 1944.

Returning Negro Veteran Faces Special Problems

The Negro veteran seeking to establish himself in civilian life will face difficulties "at three points . . . not encountered by white veterans," says William A. Caudill in *Negro GIs Come Back*, a study distributed by the American Council on Race Relations. The 18-page mimeographed booklet analyzes the problems and possibilities of veterans' services and job and educational opportunities the Negro veteran may find on his return home.

The study lists these generalized problems that may apply specifically to the Negro soldier-turned-civilian:

"First, he will have less access to places in which he may obtain information about his benefits and where he should apply for them. Second . . . he will be subject to careless treatment and possible discrimination in the offices where his rights are administered. Lastly, he has the very special problem, particularly in the South, that, even if he were to obtain sufficient information, if he were to meet absolutely no differential treatment in the offices of administering agencies, he would still not have the wide choice of school, loan institutions, or jobs open to the white veteran."

South Carolina Committee Hears Progress Report

Reports of progress in interracial activity in some sections of South Carolina and predictions of further gains were heard at the recent meeting in Columbia of the executive board of the state committee of SRC.

The group also adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to grant appropriations to the State College "sufficient to maintain and improve an accredited college on the undergraduate level for the Negro youth of the state," and to consider and communicate with other Southern states on the possibility of a tax-supported regional graduate school for Negroes.

Baptist Writer Hits "Ham" Legend In Attack on "Home-Made Myths"

The old, hard-dying misconception of the Bible story of Ham as a rationalization of race prejudice was struck another blow by R. Lofton Hudson in the *Tennessee Baptist Reflector* last month, along with other "home-made myths" about the Negro.

"Many are saying these days that the South's number one moral problem is the Negro," wrote Mr. Hudson. "It is a problem for the North and East also, but our first concern is on our own doorstep. . . ."

The misconception that the Negro is a descendant of Ham was dismissed by Mr. Hudson as "unscriptural, unscientific and unjust." He also attacked the fallacious notions that the Negro race is biologically inferior, that Negroes want "intermarriage" and that Negroes have the same opportunities as white persons. "In 1940, in nine Southern states," he told his readers, "the average annual expenditures, for education, per white student, was $58.69, and only $18.82 per Negro."

Negro Policewomen for South Carolina

The campaign for Negro police officers made a small gain in South Carolina when Columbia's police commissioner, Gary Paschal, announced that two Negro policewomen would be appointed this month, at the same rate of pay as white policewomen. *The Carolinian*, published at Raleigh, N. C., reported that the women would perform the same duties as other women on the force: with the title of "truant officers," they will supervise school traffic at dangerous intersections and when possible check on truancy.

Forty-one Negroes were among the 184 students who qualified for the Amos Lewis scholarship loans of $400 a year, Florida superintendent of schools Colin English announced recently. Students under the Lewis scholarships give notes for each year in return for the $400, and one note is cancelled, after graduation, for each year of service as a teacher.

SRC Commended by Education Group

The Intercultural Education Workshop of the University of Minnesota recently commended the Southern Regional Council for "the stimulation given to good inter-group practices."

"We are sincere in our appreciation of your many attempts to perpetuate and make more meaningful the American creed of freedom, equality and brotherhood," the formal commendation stated.

A total of 4,829 Negro students completed college courses during the 1944-45 school term, NAACP's *Crisis* magazine reported after a recent survey.

Alabama Negro students will be aided in taking graduate and professional training in other states by a $25,000 annual fund made available this month, an announcement from Montgomery reported.

20 Per Cent Democracy

(*Continued from page* 1)

thousands of poll taxes may be fined as little as five dollars. That political machines and corporate interests frequently purchase large blocks of poll tax receipts for distribution to those who will promise to vote according to instruction is a matter of common knowledge. The Governor of Virginia frankly recognized this situation in a speech in 1940.

How to Get Rid of It

Georgia, under the leadership of Governor Ellis Arnall, abolished its poll tax statute in 1945. But in the remaining seven poll tax states the tax can only be repealed by amendment of the state constitutions, which requires a two-thirds (in some states three-fifths) majority of the legislature and then approval by a majority of voters in the next election.

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The Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Publications held a joint meeting November 13, at 7:30 P.M. in the Southern Regional Council office. Mr. Virginius Dabney presided.

Present also were Dr. Gordon Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, Dr. A. W. Dent, Guy B. Johnson, and Ray Warwick.

It was decided to bring the following recommendations to the Members:

(1) That the format of the Council's monthly publication be changed to pocket size; that a plan for special quarterly issues be adopted; and that the name of the publication be changed to THE NEW SOUTH.

(2) That the yearly subscription price of THE NEW SOUTH be $1.00, including special quarterly issues; that yearly subscriptions to all SRC publications of the Council, including THE NEW SOUTH, be $2.00; and that those subscribing for all publications be eligible for membership if they wish it.

Virginius Dabney, Chairman
Committee on Public Relations

Gordon B. Hancock, Chairman
Committee on Publications

To Executive Committee (except C.S.G.; write a special letter to him)

At the meeting of the S.P.C. on Feb 16-17, the Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee to select the members of the Exec. Com. We are now very much in need of a meeting of the Exec Com, and I have been authorized by the Chairman of the Spec. Com. to call such a meeting. As stated in my telegram of March 16, the Committee is asked to meet in Atlanta at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Conf Room of the Adm. Bldg. at U, — — 54.

For your information I am enclosing a list of the members of the Ex. Com and the agenda for the meeting. You will notice that there are quite a few problems which need to be settled so that the Council can proceed more efficiently with the work of the Council. The discussion of these problems will take time, and I think that we should come prepared for a full day's meeting.

~~The Committee will meet in the Conference Room of the Administration Bldg at Atlanta University, on St. The University Lunch will be served at the mtg.~~

I trust that we can have a full attendance and a full discussion. ~~of the important~~ Since our B. of D. will ordinarily meet only once a year, the Ex. Com. must ~~be a hard-working committee, & carry the burden~~ be a hard-working committee.

If you ~~will~~ want us to ~~arrange our plans accordingly~~ make any ~~hotel reservations~~ or ~~for~~ hotel or return travel reservations, please let us know, preferably by telegram. The Council will, of course, ~~of course~~, ~~will be on the~~ advisement of your trip ~~of course~~.

Suit for Atlanta members

Sabini, forward to seeing you on March 22. I am

Sincerely yours,

To C.S.G.

Dear C.G.

We have been more or less tearing our hair over trying to get a date for the Ex. C. meeting on which we would be sure of a quorum. It seemed to boil down to a question of having it next Wed. March 22 or putting ~~having to put~~ it off ~~for~~ until the middle of April. There are so many unsettled problems that I thought it best to get the Com together as soon as possible, ~~but to be put out~~ ~~March 25 was a bad date, since~~ ~~two of the Oth were~~ and so I used your authorization and sent out telegrams today ~~inviting~~ ~~[illegible]~~ calling the meeting for March 22. I hope you can disentangle yourself from other engagements & attend the Com meeting, for we certainly need your advice & help.

I am enclosing the agenda sheet ~~which we need~~ for the meeting. Hoping that you can be present, I am

Cordially yours,

EBG

February 23, 1944

Dr. Homer P. Rainey
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Dr. Rainey:

We are sorry that you were not able to attend the meeting of charter members of the Southern Regional Council last week. We had a very successful meeting, with nearly one hundred members present, and I think that everyone who attended went away with a fine spirit of enthusiasm.

The meeting adopted by-laws, approved a program of work, and elected a Board of Directors, Executive Directors, and officers. You were elected Second Vice President of the Council. The other officers are: President- Bishop Arthur J. Moore; First Vice President- P. B. Young; Third Vice President- Carter Wesley.

I hope that you are willing to accept the second vice presidency. I think that it would involve only such time as you are able to contribute. The officers are, of course, ex officio members of the Board and of the Executive Committee, and would be expected to attend meetings when possible. Expenses of officers and directors will be borne by the Council.

Bishop Moore, as you know, is very much in sympathy with the Council, having taken a leading part in the Atlanta meeting, but he is an exceedingly busy man and hesitates to assume any more duties. He was away at the time of the meeting, and his decision awaits his return to Atlanta, when we shall try to convince him that the presidency would not require too much of his time. If he decides that he cannot take on additional responsibilities, our Executive Committee will meet soon to make another selection. Would you be willing to consider accepting the presidency? I know that you are also very busy, and that there may be personal reasons why you would hesitate to head up the Council, but I sincerely hope that you are willing to consider the matter in the event that Bishop Moore decides that he cannot accept.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

JOSEPHINE WILKINS

818 Forsyth Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia
March 7, 1944

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Replying to your letter of February 25, I accept membership on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council and deeply appreciate the confidence that the appointment manifests.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine Wilkins

LAW OFFICES
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HAAS-HOWELL BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

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CHARLES D. HURT

March 7, 1944.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I ask your indulgence for my delay in answering your letter of February 24th and Miss Clay's letter of February 25th.

I hereby accept my election as a member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., and will be happy to cooperate in the work of the Council in every way that I can.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Haas

LEONARD HAAS.

LH:LPM

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

February 27, 1944

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

It is a pleasure for me to accept membership on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., and I anticipate with satisfaction the opportunity for service that this assignment will offer.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

CC Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, D.D.

P.S. May I suggest a day other than Wednesday. MSM.

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[redacted]
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 27
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Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

This acknowledges your letter of February 25.

I will gladly serve as a member of the executive committee and please rest assured I will do everything I can to assist the organization.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Francis R. Bridges Jr.

FRB/agw

Dr. Charles S. Johnson,
(Dr. Clement, and Dr. Hancock
were present at the meeting
of the Special Committee.)

February 25, 1944

Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
P. O. Box 1107
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bridges:

At the meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors on February 17, you were elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. We hope very much that you will accept membership on the Committee, which will meet early in March to take care of some matters of great importance. You will be notified as soon as the date has been set for the meeting, and we trust that it will be possible for you to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

February 25, 1944

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

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Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

February 25, 1944

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 E. Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

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Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

February 25, 1944

Miss Josephine Wilkins
411 Forsyth Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 16, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia
Dr. P. B. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Virginia
Dr. Homer P. Rainey, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
Mr. Carter Wesley, Houston Informer, Houston, Texas

Important meeting Executive Committee Southern Regional Council Atlanta 10 A. M. March 22. Hope you can attend. Letter follows.

Guy B. Johnson

PAID
Chg. Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

This letter was sent to:
Mr. Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas
Dr. Homer P. Rainey, Austin, Texas
Miss Josephine Wilkins, Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Va.
Msgr. T. James McNamara, Savannah, Ga.
Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Florida
other letters to Chas S. Johnson
P.B. Young, who wired that he could not come.

March 17, 1944

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

At the charter meeting of the Southern Regional Council on February 16-17 the Board of Directors designated a special committee to select the members of the Executive Committee. We are now very much in need of a meeting of the Executive Committee, and I have been authorized by the chairman of the special committee to call such a meeting. As stated in my telegram of March 16, the Committee is asked to meet in Atlanta on Wednesday, March 22. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

For your information I am enclosing a list of the members of the Executive Committee and the agenda for the meeting. You will notice that there are quite a few problems which need to be settled so that the executive staff can proceed more efficiently with the work of the Council. The discussion of these problems will take time and I think that we should come prepared for a full day's meeting.

I trust that we can have a good attendance and a full discussion. Since our Board of Directors will ordinarily meet only once a year, the Executive Committee must bear the main burden of the problems which arise throughout the year.

If you want us to make any hotel or return travel reservations please let us know, preferably by telegram. The Council will, of course, bear the expenses of your trip.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 22, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

added note to Hancock:
Thanks for your letter of March 6. I think we can work out something mutually helpful. Very important that you be at this meeting.
GBJ.

GBJ/j

April 12 - 1944

This letter was sent to:

Francis R. Bridges, Jr.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement

Leonard Haas

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock

Dr. Charles S. Johnson

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara

Josephine Wilkins

and

Ex-officio members

Dr. Howard W. Odum

Dr. Homer P. Rainey

Carter Wesley

Dr. P. B. Young

April 12, 1944

Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
P. O. Box 1107
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bridges:

I am authorized by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, chairman of the Executive Committee, to call a meeting of the Committee on Friday, April 28 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Council headquarters, 710 Standard Building.

We are very much in need of a meeting of the Board of Directors, and it seemed wise to hold this immediately after the meeting of the Executive Committee. Upon the authorization of Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Council, I am therefore issuing a call for a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in Atlanta at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 28, 1944, in the Exhibition Room of the Library, Atlanta University, 273 Chestnut Street, N. W.

In a few days we shall send some material for your consideration in preparation for the meeting of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors. There are some exceedingly important matters which need to be acted upon by the Board in order that the Council may function more efficiently. I trust that you can be present for these meetings. A reply card is enclosed for your convenience.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m
Enclosure

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 15, 1944

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Your letter of April 13 came today. I am hoping to come to Atlanta for the meeting on the 28th.

I sent you some material, hoping that you could get what you wanted from it as I was not sure what exactly you wanted me to discuss. If there is anything else that you want more definitely than that, I will be glad to try to get it up for you.

I am leaving to-night for New Orleans, where I will be at least two days in next week. Then I will come back here before leaving for the Atlanta meeting on the 28th.

Thanks and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

/d

P. S. I had a nice letter from Nathan Strauss of the Poll Tax Abolition Committee, and I just got a call from the local poll tax office here today, saying the white Ministerial Alliance and also the Presbyterian ministers passed a very strong resolution in support of the Supreme Court's decision and condemning those of the South who oppose it. I hope to use both of them in next week's edition, and it gives you a good idea of what Southern thought is. It is a good time for the Southern Regional to do something on the matter.

C. W. W.

Mr. Wesley was obliged to leave his office before the above letter, dictated by him, was ready for his signature.

MEMORANDUM TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

FROM: GUY B. JOHNSON

DATE: AUGUST 31, 1944

As the time for our annual meeting approaches, we need to give attention to the following questions:

(1) Shall we have, in connection with our annual meeting, a special evening session open to the public at which we would present one or more prominent speakers?

(2) In view of the political turmoil which will prevail until the election, and in view of the need for avoiding the accusation that we are "playing politics" in the choice of speakers for our meeting, might it not be wise to postpone the annual meeting until after the election?

Under our By-Laws, the annual meeting of the Council is to be held on the second Wednesday in October "or at such time within 60 days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting including day, hour, and place shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least 30 days in advance." Several people have suggested November 15 as a suitable alternative date. If the Committee wishes to postpone the meeting and favors the November 15 date, we can proceed with announcements in the September issue of the SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

In order to avoid the necessity of calling the Executive Committee together to decide these matters, Dr. Howard W. Odum, President of the Council, has authorized me to poll the Committee members by mail. Will you please indicate your preferences in the spaces provided on the enclosed sheet, together with any comments you wish to make, and return the sheet to me at your earliest convenience?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Enclosure

8-31-44

POLL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SRC

(1) Shall we postpone the annual meeting of the SRC? YES_____ NO_____

(2) If the meeting is postponed, shall November 15 be selected as the date of the meeting? YES_____ NO_____

(3) If you have voted NO on the preceding question, please indicate your choice of dates: 1st_____

2nd_____

(4) Shall we try to obtain one or more prominent speakers for an open evening session? YES_____ NO_____

(5) Please suggest suitable speakers in case an open session is held:

_____

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_____

Date _____ Signed _____

Member of Executive Committee

Copy for Dr. Johnson

November 22, 1944

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 5, 1944, at the Council headquarters, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

We hope that every member will make an effort to attend this important meeting, and we shall appreciate your returning the enclosed card to let us know whether or not you will be present.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRA DEA. REID
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOWARD W. ODUM, PRESIDENT
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HOMER P. RAINEY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
CARTER WESLEY, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMILY H. CLAY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

February 16, 1945

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting on December 5, voted to hold regular bi-monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The first of these bi-monthly meetings will be held at 10:30 A. M. on Wednesday, February 28, 1945, at the Council headquarters, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

I hope that every member will make an effort to attend this important meeting. Please let us know whether or not you will be present and whether you wish to have us make any hotel or travel reservations.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Exec Com

DEPT. OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

Twenty-Third February

GORDON B. HANCOCK 1 9 4 5

Dr Guy B Johnson Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta Georgia

Dear Dr Johnson:

My inability to come to Atlanta for the forthcoming meeting of the directors is a source of keen regret. A speaking engagement in Boston of some six months standing makes it impossible for me to make the trip to Atlanta a thing I regret seriously. So invariably do I turn up at these meetings my failure to appear must not be construed as any dampening of my enthusiasm for the possibilities of our promising young organization. I hope you will have this understood in case any questions are asked. I am hoping to be in line as usual come the next meeting.

I did not get chance to tell you but I was tremendously impressed with the things actually accomplished by the Council in its first year of existence and no less was I impressed with the general outline of things to come. You had a difficult assignment and you have discharged it most commendably and both you and Dr Reid deserve the gratitude of us all. As things take shape I hope the Doubting Thomases and hecklers will"lay off"or"get on". It is my earnest hope that you can secure a president if Dr Odum must resign anyway. To my mind this matter of getting some strong southerner to succeed Dr Odum has become one of greatest solicitude and uneasiness. I am thoroughly convinced that most of our leaders are behind the people in their thinking on matters of race relations; the episode at College of William and Mary is a case in point.

In a public forum meeting here last Monday night both Dr Patterson and Editor Dabney got by in grand style. Mr Dabney's place was the most"ticklish"but he came through without any serious damage and made a fine impression for the Southern Regional Council when he spoke of its promise and possibilities. He had all the answres on this occasion,fortunately.

With high and sincere hopes for a great meeting Wednesday I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

Gordon B Hancock

Gordon B Hancock

In case of necessity I appoint Dr B E Mays as my proxy.

Exec Com

Sent to all members and Ex-officion members
of the Executive Committee with the exception
of the Atlanta members to whom a memorandum
had already (March 26) been sent.

March 27, 1945

Dr. P. B. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Dr. Young:

The February 28 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council was very poorly attended. For your information I am giving the dates for regular meetings of the Executive Committee for the remainder of the year as follows:

April 25	October 24
June 27	December 26
August 22	

I hope that you will make note of these dates on your calendar and do your best to be present at future meetings of the Committee. We shall send you a routine reminder at least ten days in advance of every meeting.

We have been working very hard on plans for a conference on "The South's Post War Economy" which will be held in Atlanta on April 11-12. We have written to you already about this conference.

I am sorry to have to inform you of the sudden death of Mr. Edmund M. Preston of Richmond, Virginia who was elected to the Executive Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 31.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:j

To all out of Atlanta members of Executive Committee

April 9, 1945

Dr. Homer P. Rainey
202 Forest Trail
Austin, Texas

Dear Dr. Rainey:

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held on April 25 at Council headquarters in Atlanta. The meeting will open at 10:30 A.M. CWT and will continue into the afternoon if necessary. Won't you please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you can attend this meeting so that we will know well in advance whether we can expect a quorum.

For your information I am giving the dates of the remaining regular bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Committee for 1945.

June 27	October 24
August 22	December 26

Please make note of these dates on your calendar. We shall send you a routine reminder at least two weeks in advance of every meeting.

I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of Mr. Edmund M. Preston of Richmond, Virginia who was elected to the Executive Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 31.

Cordially yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

GBJ:EHC:j

Exec Com

April 18, 1945

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

This is to remind you of the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council, on April 25 at Council headquarters at 10:30 A.M. I shall appreciate it if you will write or telephone me at your earliest convenience to let me know whether you will be present at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

EHC:j

Exec Com

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

1 May 1945

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of April 23, 1945 in reference to meetings of our Executive Committee. Only now, however, have I been able to determine that I can attend a meeting on one of the last four days of May, and that on Monday, May 28. I am sorry that I must state myself with such limitations but other previous obligations leave me no alternative.

No doubt by now you have received the copy of my letter to Mr. Scott of the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD by way of comment on an editorial carried by his Paper. I would deeply appreciate it if you would write me your reaction to this comment.

With every good and best wish,

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

28 April 1945

Mr. C. A. Scott, Editor
ATLANTA DAILY WORLD
210 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Scott:

Am I to conclude from the accompanying editorial, clipped from your Paper, that you resent the interest of the Catholic Church in your people and would seek to discourage that interest by lending the influence of your Paper to the forces of bigotry and misrepresentation? If such is your position, then surely you have little understanding of the people whose interest you profess to serve.

I was surprised and disappointed that your Paper would pass on to your people such a dastardly attack on a leadership, which has dared the forces of intolerance in defence of that peoples God-established rights, -and this as its one and only editorial for the day.

Certainly this is not what I would expect from a member of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, V.F.

Explanation: Reference to issue of ATLANTA DAILY WORLD in which editorial was taken from THE NEW REPUBLIC and headed "Bishop in Politics."

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PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

FOR VICTORY
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WAR BONDS
TODAY

May 9, 1945

SEND TO THE FOLLOWING:
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, 222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Ga.
Dr. Homer P. Rainey, 2202 Forest Trail, Austin Texas
Mr. Carter Wesley, Houston Informer, Houston, Texas
Dr. P. B. Young, Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Virginia

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL CALLED FOR MAY 25.
CAN YOU ATTEND. PLEASE WIRE COLLECT.

Guy B. Johnson

PAID
Charge to: Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

Gec CM.

May 14, 1945

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

I certainly hope that you are going to be able to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee which has been called for May 25. We have had messages of regret from Young, Hancock, Wesley, and Rainey, and of the Atlanta members of the Committee, one is not certain that he can attend so we are going to be hard put to get a quorum. This is very discouraging. Our February meeting was of doubtful legality since Dr. Reid and I had to be counted in order to make a quorum, and the April meeting had to be called off because we saw that there would not be a quorum present.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr. Scott concerning the editorial which he reprinted from "New Republic". We subscribe to the "Atlanta Daily World", but somehow I missed the issue containing the editorial and was able to get hold of it only a couple of days ago.

My personal feeling is that any group has the right to express itself concerning the organization of world peace, and I think it is regrettable that such expressions get interpreted in terms of racial or religious politics. Why not write to Mr. Scott at some length giving your views and ask him to publish your comments on the editorial page. Since he has reprinted an editorial which states one side of a question he should certainly be willing to print something which presents the other side.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:1
cc: Mr. C. A. Scott

Same letter to each member.

June 7, 1945

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held on Wednesday June 27 at Council headquarters, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

We hope that you can be present, and we shall appreciate your returning the enclosed card as soon as possible, indicating whether or not we may expect you.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

August 22, 1945

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I enclose for your information copies of the following items:

(1) Excerpt from an editorial by Mr. P. B. Young in the Norfolk Journal and Guide July 7, 1945.

(2) A reply published in the Journal and Guide July 21.

(3) Further editorial comment in the Journal and Guide July 21.

I had planned to bring this material to your attention at the August 22 meeting of the Executive Committee, but, as you know, this meeting was canceled because of the impossibility of getting a quorum.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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EDITORIAL FROM THE JOURNAL AND GUIDE, JULY 7, 1945

(Under the heading "Old Wine in New Bottles Uncorked in the United States Senate," the Norfolk Journal and Guide published a lengthy editorial in its issue of July 7, 1945. After reviewing the Congressional wrangle over a permanent FEPC and Senator Eastland's intemperate assault upon the record of Negro soldiers in the present war, the editorial continues as follows:)

We had hoped that "the intelligence and the common sense and good will of members of both races" in the South could be mobilized and utilized for the purpose of working out arrangements for reducing racial tensions, bringing about understandings, and going ahead with a reasonable program satisfactory to the South—white and black. We had hoped, of course, that such a program would be fair and progressive.

Toward this end the Durham Conference was held in 1942. This conference issued a statement that won the approval of the southern press and pulpit. Following it there was a conference of 100-odd southern white citizens in Atlanta. This conference gave qualified endorsement to the Durham conference statement and pledged cooperation. Governor Darden of Virginia was one of the signers of the Atlanta statement.

Following the Atlanta conference there was a bi-racial conference in Richmond which, after a day's deliberations, decided to hold a meeting in Atlanta and form a permanent organization to carry out the well-intentioned program promulgated by the Durham and Atlanta conferences.

The Atlanta meeting was held and an organization was formed, known as the Southern Regional Council. By agreement, it absorbed the old Southern Commission on Interracial Cooperation, obtained a Georgia charter, and promulgated a program which was generally hailed as being workable in the South.

An effort was made to get an outstanding southern churchman to take the chairmanship of this body. But this failed, and Dr. Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina, who was one of the charter members and moving spirits, took over the chairmanship until an outstanding white southerner could be found to accept the post.

Nearly two years have passed and no outstanding white southerner — churchman, businessman, or educator — has been found who is willing to accept the chairmanship of the Southern Regional Council, although the field has been thoroughly canvassed.

Moreover, several of the white southerners who originally identified themselves with the movement have quietly withdrawn. Some of them proposed the issuance of a statement committing the Southern Regional Council to the complete and unconditional acceptance of segregation and discrimination against the Negro.

They wanted everything to remain status quo ante the war. They were willing to go along if the Council would officially announce that all efforts to improve matters would be undertaken "within the framework of segregation"—educational, political, and economic.

The Council voted a few months ago against making any such unqualified commitment, and many of the white southerners promptly withdrew.

What the white southern members wanted would have left the Negro question right where it has been since 1900. It would have confined Negroes to the "smaller areas of opportunity", as our friend, the Ledger-Dispatch, says. The Southern Regional Council is hanging on with a skeleton organization, without effective friends, and with a most uncertain outlook.

The history of this movement, which was proclaimed by white southern newspapers and others as being the most statesmanlike, the most reasonable, and the most likely to succeed of any such movement ever started in the South, is living proof, regrettable enough, that it is well nigh impossible to assemble and put to work the "intelligence and common sense and goodwill of members of both races in the South", on any question affecting the Negro race.

This, however, constitutes a real challenge to the thoughtful people of the South of both races who wish to see their region saved from internecine strife and chaos which will mark the region in the eyes of the world as a kindred spirit of everything that characterized Germany when that country plunged the world into the most lamentable war in history.

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July 11, 1945

Editor
The Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Sir:

In the July issue of the Journal and Guide you published a lengthy editorial under the title "Old Wine in New Bottles Uncorked in United States Senate". The first half of this editorial was a reasonable and praiseworthy criticism of the disgraceful behavior of certain Congressmen with respect to the FEPC and of Senator Eastland's intemperate remarks upon the record of Negro soldiers in the present war. The second half of the editorial, however, plunged into a discussion of the Southern Regional Council, and contained several serious misstatements of facts that I cannot allow to pass without protest. In the interst of accuracy, I am asking that you publish this reply.

(1) You intimate that absolutely no outstanding white Southerner other than Dr. Howard W. Odum could be found who was willing to accept the presidency of the Southern Regional Council. As a matter of fact, the presidency has been offered to only two other men. Both are members and staunch supporters of the Council, but both were carrying tremendous burdens already and honestly felt that they could not assume the responsibilities of the presidency. After all, the Council has been in operation only a year and a half. The president is elected at the annual meeting. So far there has been only one annual meeting in addition to the charter meeting.

We would have to look a long, long time to find a more outstanding and devoted president than Dr. Howard W. Odum. If he has expressed a desire to turn over the presidency to someone else, it is only because, with characteristic modesty, he feels that someone outside of the academic ranks would command a larger popular following.

(2) You state that some of the white Council members "proposed the issuance of a statement committing the Southern Regional Council to the complete and unconditional acceptance of segregation and discrimination against the Negro." The resolution to which you refer read as follows: "Legal racial segregation exists in the South. We recognise this fact. We shall center our efforts on gaining equal facilities as provided by law and equal opportunities for all people of the South." It was introduced by Mr. Carter Wesley, prominent Negro leader and publisher of the Houston Informer. Mr. Wesley explained that of course everyone knew that he was personally opposed to segregation, but he felt that the Council would not get anywhere if the public got the impression that it was out to abolish segregation. He therefore offered

the resolution as a strategic measure only. Incidentally, support for the Wesley resolution came from members of both races. A counter-resolution condemning segregation was offered by another member. The discussion was lively but dignified, and the upshot was that both resolutions were tabled.

(3) You state that after the Council declined to make an unqualified statement accepting segregation, "many of the white southerners promptly withdrew." Would you like to know how many resignations we have had since the Council began? Just four, and only two of these can be attributed to the refusal of the Council to adopt the segregation resolution.

(4) You say that "the Southern Regional Council is hanging on with a skeleton organization, without effective friends, and with a most uncertain outlook." That is a very erroneous statement. After diligent searching and many disappointments, we have in the past six months built up a sizeable staff. We have ten full-time employees - six professional and four clerical — and several part-time or temporary workers. You will be interested to know that Dr. George S. Mitchell, formerly Southeastern Director of PAC, has recently joined our staff to develop a program looking toward the protection of the rights of Negro veterans in the administration of the GI Bill. As you no doubt know, our staff is bi-racial. As for our membership, it has more than doubled in the past six months, and it now stands at nearly 1000.

So much for the correction of these factual items. I am sure that your editorial was meant in a sympathetic spirit. You were pointing out the tremendous difficulties which confront an organization such as ours. I quite agree that we are up against a very critical situation and I am sorry to say that many Southerners who should be with us have not yet given us the support which we had hoped for. We are a bit disillusioned, but we are not in the least down-hearted. We have many "effective friends", and we expect to have many more. We have a competent staff, and we are going forward with the Council's constructive program. It takes time to build an effective organization, but we are well on the way. We have only begun to fight, and we are not ready to admit that "it is well nigh impossible to assemble and put to work the intelligence and commonsense and good will of members of both races in the South."

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Editorial - Norfolk Journal and Guide, July 21, 1945

When we pointed out (in our issue of July 7th) that the Southern Regional Council is a good example of how difficult it has been to mobilize and utilize "the intelligence and common sense and good will of members of both races in the South" in matters of better race relations we seem to have started a "family row." This we regret, because it would give us as much distress as it could possibly give anyone, if the efforts put forth by those responsible for the SRC resulted in failure.

On the opposite page this week Dr. Guy B. Johnson, the able and universally admired director of the council, makes reply to our editorial. We are glad to give space to his statement because it makes a picture that is far more optimistic than the picture that this writer has been able to draw from association with the council.

Dr. Johnson says that there were certain "misstatements of facts" in our editorial. Narrowing it down to strictly formal actions, and leaving out of consideration debates, discussions, conversations, and consultations, there is some basis for Dr. Johnson's contentions.

We do not wish to prove that Dr. Johnson is wrong. We would rather concede that we were too pessimistic in presenting the case as we have seen it. But, to show that there are two sides to this question we will quote a few sentences from a letter we received from a white member of the council after that member had read the July 7 editorial. There are good reasons why we cannot reveal the name of this member:

> The Council is not going to be openly aggressive; it is not going to blaze any new trails; it is not going to walk down the new trails already blazed. It is going to be cautious if not downright timid....
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> You who went into the new organization with such enthusiasm and hope were not on the inside as far as the currents of opinion among the white persons at the Atlanta Conference which acted upon the Durham statement were concerned.... I felt then, and still do, that the hopes of the Negroes who made the Durham statement were going to be dashed.
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> The men who took the lead in the Atlanta Conference did not want an organization. They were willing, even eager, to work on the problems which the Durham conference presented, but through their own organizations.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Oct. 19, 1945

NIGHT LETTER: Please send to all the following:
Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr. P. O. Bos 1107, Tallahassee, Fla.
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Virginia Union University, Richmond 20, Va.
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.
Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, 222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Ga.
Dr. Howard W. Odum, University of N. C. , Chapel Hill, N. C.
Dr. Homer P. Rainey, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
Mr. Carter Wesley, P.O). Box 3086, Houston 1, Texas
Dr. P. B. Young, Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

December 6 seems most suitable date for annual meeting from standpoint of Atlanta University schedule and possibility of getting speakers for public session. Please wire collect whether this date is satisfactory. If majority of committee favor December 6 we can proceed with announcements.

GUY B. JOHNSON
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

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Charge to:

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

December 28, 1945

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

We have just been informed that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare has decided not to use the name, New South, after all for its educational press. This leaves us free to proceed in accordance with the original vote at the annual meeting on November 14 in favor of changing the name of The Southern Frontier to New South.

We are glad to inform you, therefore, that it will not be necessary for the Executive Committee to choose a substitute name, and that, beginning with the January 1946 issue, our monthly publication will appear under the title, New South.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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January 10, 1946

To: Members of the Executive Committee

According to action taken by the Executive Committee at the time of the 1945 annual meeting, the Committee will meet quarterly in 1946 on fourth Wednesdays, except for the November meeting which will be held on the date preceding the annual meeting of SRC.

The schedule is as follows:

February 27 1946
May 22, 1946
August 28, 1946
November 12, 1946

Of course, you will receive the usual notice about two weeks in advance of each meeting, but it will help if you will enter these dates on your calendar now.

Greetings and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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This letter sent to:

Dr. Rufus Clement
Mr. C. H. Gillman
Mr. Leonard Haas
Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Dr. P. B. Young
Mr. Carter Wesley
Commander Frank W. Spencer
Mr. Paul D. Williams

CC - Miss Clay
Dr. Trigg

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

February 13, 1946

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

You have already had Dr. Johnson's letter of January 10, informing you of the dates of the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee for the year 1946.

This is to remind you that the first of these meetings will be held in the Council's Conference Room, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning February 27. We trust that we may have a full attendance, and we shall appreciate it if each of you will fill in and return the card which is enclosed so that we may know whom to expect.

Dr. Johnson has asked me to tell you that on February 28 we are holding a conference of the heads of state interracial committees and that we shall be pleased if you can arrange to stay over for this meeting.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

May 3, 1946

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Council's Conference Room on May 22, 1946, at 10 A. M.

I hope that you can be present, and we shall appreciate your returning the enclosed card to let us know whether or not we may expect you.

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, which was held on February 27.

Cordially yours,

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary

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May 6, 1946

Dear Board Member:

You will recall that at the annual meeting in November it was voted that the Executive Committee should meet once each quarter, beginning in February 1946. The minutes of the meeting which was held in the Council's Conference Room on Wednesday February 27 are enclosed herewith. According to the schedule which has been set up, the Committee will hold its next meeting on the fourth Wednesday in May.

You will be glad to know that since the February meeting the South Carolina Committee on Interracial Cooperation has voted to become a State Division of the Council. As stated in the minutes, we also have State Divisions in Florida and Mississippi, and plans are now under way for setting up a division in Louisiana.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay

EMILY H. CLAY
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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June 19, 1946

TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I am happy to inform you that the General Education Board has acted favorably upon our request for a grant which would enable us to hold a conference of SRC Fellows. The General Education Board has granted up to $1500 for such a conference.

We shall probably hold a two-day conference of Fellows immediately following the annual meeting of SRC on November 13. We shall be counting on some of the SRC officers and Board members to stay over for the Fellow conference as speakers or advisors. We shall write you further about this.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 24, 1946

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TO MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28. This is more than a month away, but since this is the time of year when many people are planning their vacations, I think it is wise to ascertain now whether we may expect a quorum at the August 28 meeting. Won't you please fill out the enclosed card and mail it back to us at your earliest convenience?

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

GBJ:m
Enclosure

Could not get quorum.
Meeting postponed.

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October 3, 1947

Dear Board Member:

Enclosed herewith are the official notices of the annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, which will convene as follows:

Board of Directors
2 P. M. Tuesday November 11, 1947
Conference Room, Administration Building
Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Members
10 A. M. Wednesday November 12
Exhibition Room, Library Building, Atlanta
University, 273 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We hope that you will be able to attend both meetings, and we shall appreciate receiving the accompanying blank as quickly as possible in order that we may know whether or not to expect you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for this purpose.

Please let us know immediately if you wish to have us make your room reservation. The expense of travel and entertainment of Board members during the meeting will be defrayed by the Council. An expense blank will be furnished at the time of the Board meeting.

Cordially yours,

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., will be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday November 11, 1947, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

AGNES McKOY, SECRETARY

October 1, 1947

(PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN THIS BLANK AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.)

Date _____

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I plan to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors at 2:00 P. M. Tuesday November 11 ---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the Board Meeting---------- _____

I plan to attend the annual meeting at 10 A. M. Wednesday November 12 (with registration beginning at 9:30 A. M.)---------- _____

I shall be unable to attend the annual meeting---------- _____

I should like to have you make my room reservation---------- _____

I shall make my own reservation---------- _____

I shall reach Atlanta at _____ (hour) on _____ (date).

SIGNED _____

SRC - Ex. Comm.

October 17, 1951

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am mighty sorry to have your letter of October 12 with its resignation from the office of vice president. With almost anybody else I would ask for reconsideration, but I know that you will not have made the decision without careful and sympathetic thought. I will bring your letter to the attention of the Executive Committee when it meets October 26.

I still hope that you will unlimber the modest mail campaign in North Carolina for some help to the Council. That was the responsibility the committee (Mrs. Brown, yourself and Mr. Hood) took on a good while back, and it still ought to be put through. What do you think can be done about that?

We will miss you October 26. I still lean on you heavily for good counsel, and I will be grateful for your continuing to make me welcome when I can get to Durham.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

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October 12, 1951

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This will acknowledge receipt of the notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on October 26 and I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to attend this meeting.

For sometime I have felt embarressed because of my inability to follow through with the work of the Council in North Carolina and it seems to me now that I have been trying to do more than I have the energy or time for. It is for this reason that I feel it necessary to indicate my desire to be relieved of an official position with the Council and also of membership on its Executive Committee.

It is my hope that you and your associates will not take this as an indication of lack of interest on my part in the work of the Council. I shall continue to support it in any way I can but do not feel that I should stand in the way of its progress in North Carolina by holding down a position which someone else could fill much more profitably for the Council. Try as I might, I actually have not been able to do much about our work here and I am sure that there are other persons in the State who can do a much better job.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler

J. H. Wheeler
Vice President-Cashier

JHW/r

George:

I enclose the report. Please see that its on the agenda of the next meeting.

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August 30, 1952

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The delay in acknowledging the communication from your Committee under date of July 29 has been occasioned by my absence from the State, for which my apologies are extended.

The Council is indebted to your Committee for its well considered and prudent advice. These will be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Committee and ultimately before the Board.

Since I do not have the addresses of Mrs. Bernie and Mr. Ross, I am enclosing copies of this letter for each of them and will greatly appreciate your forwarding the copies to your associates.

With thanks and kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright
President

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cc: Mr. George Mitchell

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Atlanta, Georgia,

July 29, 1952

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
President,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432,
63 Auburn Ave. N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Committee appointed by you, pursuant to a Resolution of the Executive Committee, has today met to consider the salary schedule of the Officers and Staff of the Council.

We have carefully surveyed the salaries now being paid by the Council. In our judgment, the salaries are inadequate in terms of the cost of living figures, and in terms of the responsibilities which the jobs entail. It is our feeling that immediate adjustments in the salary scale are urgently needed, and we recommend that a new schedule be approved now, and that payments according to the new scale be made as soon as funds are available.

Another consideration that moves us is the fact that the Council does not provide many of the so-called "fringe benefits," which so many officers and employees of other organizations enjoy. For example, we do not have any pension or retirement program. We do not carry group insurance or provide other like benefits.

We deplore the fact that the present scale does not provide any systematic plan for periodic increases.

We feel, too, that there should be some plan providing a range for a job so that increases could be made at the discretion of the Executive Director in terms of length of service and performance.

After carefully surveying the salaries now being paid, and the extension of the program of the Council as proposed, we recommend that the following shcedule be adopted:

Executive Director - $10,000 to $12,000
Director of Information - $6,000 to $7,500
Secretary and Treasurer - $4,000 to $5,000
Research Assistant - $4,000 to $5,000
Secretary to Executive Director - $3,000 to $4,000
Membership Secretary - $3,000 to $4,000
Director of Women's Work - $3,000 to $4,000

It will be noted that we have provided for a range of salary for each position. In our judgment, the Executive Director should be asked to establish some criteria for increases within these ranges. We think that such a plan should be adopted at this time and made effective just as soon as funds permit.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that even now some increase should be made in the salary of the Executive Director. We call attention to the fact that the salary of the Executive Director has been at the present low level since the time of his appointment in August 1947. We are also fully aware of the fact that the Executive Director has not received even this salary on a regular basis, and that he has been called upon to make other personal sacrifices in the administration of the program of the Council. It is our recommendation, therefore, that some increase should be granted to the Executive Director at once. The amount of such increase will, of course, be left to the decision of yourself and the Executive Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John Griffin

John Griffin, Chairman

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, Vice-Chairman

Leonard Haas

Leonard Haas, Secretary.

Atlanta, Georgia
July 29, 1952

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Director of Women's Work - $3,000 to $4,000

It will be noted that we have provided for a range of salary for each position. In our judgment, the Executive Director should be asked to establish some criteria for increases within these ranges. We think that such a plan should be adopted at this time and made effective just as soon as funds permit.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that even now some increase should be made in the salary of the Executive Director. We call attention to the fact that the salary of the Executive Director has been at the present low level since the time of his appointment in August 1947. We are also fully aware of the fact that the Executive Director has not received even this salary on a regular basis, and that he has been called upon to make other personal sacrifices in the administration of the program of the Council. It is our recommendation, therefore, that some increase should be granted to the Executive Director at once. The amount of such increase will, of course, be left to the decision of yourself and the Executive Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John Griffin, Chairman

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, Vice-Chairman

Leonard Haas, Secretary

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1952

Invocation

Minutes

Staff Reports

Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Special Committee on Salaries

Nominating Committees

Commission on Equal Penalties

Annual Meeting and Reorganization

Review of administrative arrangements

Other Business

Adjournment

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance report, September 1-26, 1952

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Individuals	$ 13.00
Contributions from Organizations	60.00
(J. Rubin & Sons - $10.00)	
(Columbia Garment Co. - $25.00)	
(Kline Iron & Metal Works -$25.00)	
(all Columbia, S. C.))	
Contribution from Church	250.00
(Div. of Home Missions and Church Ext. Methodist Church)	
Contribution from Foundation	350.00
(Phelps-Stokes Fund)	
Members Dues	275.00
New South Subscriptions	106.50
Sale of Literature	164.05
Honorarium	74.00
Reimbursement for travel of Exec. Dir.	74.15
Total Receipts	$ 1,366.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 999.99
Social Security (Cost to Council)	23.63
Travel	179.97
Rent	105.00
Telephone & Telegraph	61.56
Postage	36.16
Office Supplies	1.13
Georgia Sales Tax	1.14
Books & subscriptions	1.10
Paid to State Divisions	133.50
Allocated to Fellowship of the Concerned	300.00
Total Disbursements	$ 1,843.18

Recapitulation

Balance, Sept. 1	$ 531.03
Total receipts	1,366.70
	1,897.73
Total disbursements	1,843.18
Bal. 9/26	$ 54.55

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Southern Bell Telephone Co.	$ 23.39
Tidwell Co.	43.46
Gershon Printing & Office Supp.	24.42
Office Supply Co.	4.07
Ivan Allen Marshall	3.86
Elliott Addressing Co.	5.01
Due to State Divisions (Sept. dues)	79.00
Total Accounts Payable	$ 183.21

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Fellowship of the Concerned

Bal. Sept. 1	$ 110.06
Receipts (from Gen. Budg.)	300.00
	410.06
Disbursements (postage)	9.00
Bal. 9/26	$ 401.06

New South Appropriation

Bal. Sept. 1	$ 1,089.14
Disbursements (Stein Print. $176.31) (Postage 52.00)	228.31
Bal. 9/26	$ 860.83

NCCJ Travel Fund

Bal. Sept. 1	$ 43.24
No disbursements	

Commission on Equal Penalties

Bal. Sept. 1	$ 1,000.00
Receipts	
(Mr. L. Aronstam - $25.)	
(Mr. M. Weiss - $50.)	
(Mr. L. Regenstein $50.)	
(Mr. A. May - $50.)	
	175.00
Bal. 9/26	1,175.00

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT DECEMBER, 1952, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In the event that the Southern Regional Council receives substantial additional financial support, the resultant strengthening of the State organizations and the heightened emphasis on State action programs will make advisable substantial changes in the structure of the Council.

The membership of the Council, assembled in this meeting of December 13, authorizes the Executive Committee to draft by-laws to accomplish the following changes, such by-laws to take effect when and if submitted by mail to the current membership of the Council, and a majority of the members voting express approval.

1. Individual membership in the regional organization to be confined to the Board of Directors, and that body to be given power to fill its vacancies, up to a limit of about fifty elected members, by its own selection.

2. Existing State Divisions of the Council to continue (either under that name or under some other approved by them and by or on behalf of the Board of Directors of SRC) as bodies governed by voting memberships within their respective States and affiliated with the Council.

3. In States where no State Divisions exist, agreements to be approved by or on behalf of the Board of Directors with existing or newly-established organizations.

4. All State organizations affiliated with the Council to operate under by-laws approved by them and by or on behalf of the Board, and within general policies laid down by the Board. Each approved State organization to have its two principal officers sit ex officio on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, with voice and vote.

5. The regional organization to have authority to assist State Divisions and other affiliated State organizations in the employment of paid personnel and in the development of program.

6. The regional organization to carry forward a program of public information, research interpretation, and coordination of the activities of the State organizations.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Atlanta, Georgia - February 17, 1944

2/17/44

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 12 o'clock noon Thursday, February 17, 1944, with the following present:

Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Horace M. Bond
Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Louis E. Burnham
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
Ernest Delpit
Charles Gillman
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Luther P. Jackson
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
J. R. E. Lee
Benjamin E. Mays
T. James McNamara
Gerald P. O'Hara
Ira DeA. Reid
James L. Robb
G. D. Rogers
R. L. Russell
Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold L. Trigg
Forrester B. Washington
Miss Josephine Wilkins
P. B. Young
Emily H. Clay, Secretary

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected temporary Chairman.

2. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Nominations as read by Dr. Clement be adopted and that the officers be elected, as follows:

OFFICERS

President: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Vice Presidents:
P. B. Young
Homer P. Rainey
Carter Wesley
Executive Director:
Guy B. Johnson
Associate Executive Director:
Ira DeA. Reid
Secretary-Treasurer:
Emily H. Clay

Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Young to take the chair.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the membership of the Board of Directors be increased this year to not more than fifty, exclusive of the ex officio members.

The following were nominated from the floor for membership on the Board of Directors: J.R.E. Lee and Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the following be elected to the Board of Directors in addition to the forty elected at the meeting of the Council:

A. W. Dent
Lorimer D. Milton
George S. Mitchell
R. L. Russell
John H. Wheeler
Miss Florence Sytz
Charles Gillman
Ryland Knight
J. R. E. Lee
Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that Z.A. Looby be considered for membership on the Board of Directors in the event of the declination of any member elected at this meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that a committee composed of the President, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the two Executive Directors, and such others as seem desirable be appointed to set up an Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee, when finally constituted, be empowered to proceed with such further details of organization and program as may be found pending and necessary.

The following committee was appointed by Mr. Young:

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Gerald P. O'Hara
Rufus E. Clement
Gordon B. Hancock
P. B. Young, ex officio
Guy B. Johnson, ex officio
Ira DeA. Reid, ex officio

Mr. Carter Wesley was invited to sit in with the committee.

Miss Wilkins asked what provision had been made for electing a president in the event Bishop Moore is unable to serve.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be given authority to fill any vacancies which may occur among the officers on account of inability to accept election, from the President down.

Mr. Wesley asked whether it was understood that the Executive Directors had the authority to proceed to work with the state interracial committees. Dr. Reid replied that provision was made for this in the outlines for the Council's suggested program.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the outline as to structure and program which was presented by the Executive Directors at the meeting of the Council be adopted.

Dr. Forrester Washington expressed the hope that the Executive Directors would not become grooved in the field of race relations, but that they would include in their activities economic affairs, etc.

The Special Committee appointed to select the Executive Committee was asked to meet in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at 2 P. M.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, be authorized to edit the by-laws and eliminate any conflicts that may appear.

Dr. Guy Johnson asked that the Board consider the matter of membership dues.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the membership fee be a minimum of $1.00, and that there be other classes of membership to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Emily H. Clay

Secretary

RESOLUTION

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the exclusion of Negroes from the Texas Democratic primaries is a violation of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution. The Court has simply recognized the fact that primaries are effective instruments of government, and that the exclusion of the Negro voters from Democratic primaries in some of the Southern states is equivalent to denying them the right to vote on account of race.

This decision has far-reaching consequences, and we appeal to the people of the South to make these consequences positive and constructive rather than negative and destructive.

We deplore the statements of political leaders and others indicating a determination to disregard or nullify the decision of the Supreme Court, and we call on all fair-minded citizens of the South to respect the letter and the spirit of the Court's decision. Let us all, white and Negro, be calm and wise. Let us strive to serve the ends of justice and good government for all of the people of the South.

To allow Negro citizens to participate in the government under which they live is to give democracy a chance in the South. To deny the vote to qualified Negro citizens is inconsistent with the American ideal of justice and equality before the law. The sooner we recognize these simple facts, the better off we shall be. We can not honestly wage a war for freedom and democracy in foreign lands when we deny to our own Negro citizens the rights and privileges which are justly theirs.

RESOLUTION

In the heat of current political campaigns in various parts of the South, the race issue has been raised by certain candidates or by their promoters. Vicious rumors have been circulated, and the spurious issues of "white supremacy," "social equality," and the like have been dragged forth in an attempt to arouse the passions and prejudices of voters.

We condemn all such tactics as unfair and destructive of the spirit of unity and cooperation which we need now as never before, and we appeal to all good citizens to consider carefully whether those persons who use such tactics are worthy of public trust.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Atlanta, Georgia, at 4:45 P.M., Wednesday, December 6, 1944, immediately following adjournment of the member meeting. The following were present:

Will W. Alexander, Horace Mann Bond, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Louis E. Burnham, Virginius Dabney, A. W. Dent, Leonard Haas, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, Mrs. Henry Havens, R. B. Herbert, Luther P. Jackson, T. James McNamara, Benjamin E. Mays, N. C. Newbold, James L. Robb, G. D. Rogers, Philip Shulhafer, Miss Florence Syts, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Forrester B. Washington, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Howard W. Odum, Carter Wesley, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Howard W. Odum, who appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Henry Havens, Chairman, Horace M. Bond, Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, Luther P. Jackson, Benjamin E. Mays, T. James McNamara, and Josephine Wilkins.

In view of the late hour and the fact that several members of the Board must take early evening trains-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors adjourn, to be reconvened by the President at a convenient date to be agreed upon.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Board meeting shall be held in Atlanta on Wednesday, January 31, 1945.

The nominations of new members were presented to the Board. ~~(See attached.)~~

On motion of Dr. Johnson-

2. IT WAS VOTED that the persons nominated at the member meeting be declared elected to membership in the Southern Regional Council.

3. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendations of the Executive Directors be approved.

The meeting adjourned, to reconvene on January 31.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

Presented to the Board of Directors
Nov. 13, 1945 Adopted,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Annual Meeting— Southern Regional Council

November 14, 1945

The Membership Committee of the Southern Regional Council met 10:00 A. M. , November 3, 1945, in the conference room of the Council.

Since a quorum was not present the meeting was unofficial. However we bring to the Board of Directors for consideration the following resolutions:

I. That we confirm the membership of all those who have signed the membership cards and paid their dues since the 1944 annual meeting.

II. That the annual dues be increased to two dollars.

III. Since there are plans in the making for a promotional campaign for members and contributors, the membership committee be discontinued.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Dr. Benj. E. Mays

Co-chairmen

MEMORANDUM ON MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Saturday, November 3, 1945, 10 A. M.

Those present at the meeting were: Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mr. R. L. Foreman, Jr., Members of the Committee, and Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director of the Council. Since a quorum was not present, the meeting was unofficial. However, it was decided to discuss the business before the Committee and to transmit suggestions to the Board of Directors.

There was some discussion of the growth of the membership. Dr. Johnson reported that the number of members is now between 1,000 and 1,100. He pointed out that it would take a great deal of time to prepare for reading at the annual meeting a list of all persons who had joined the Council since the last meeting. He suggested that a resolution be presented at the annual meeting confirming all those persons who have signed membership cards and paid their dues since the 1944 annual meeting. This was agreed upon.

The question of dues was discussed. Dr. Johnson stated that he had brought this matter to the attention of the Executive Committee at its September meeting, and had been instructed to bring in a recommendation on increasing the Council dues. A promotional campaign for members and contricutors is being prepared by Mr. Warwick, and since it seems probable that the annual meeting will vote to raise the dues, it was thought best to hold up the promotion drive until we know what the 1946 dues will be.

Dr. Johnson also pointed out that the Council is handicapped in working out cooperative dues arrangements with state committees because the Council dues are so low at present. He stated that it would help very much if dues were high enough so that one payment would cover membership in the Council and in a state committee or division. It was agreed to recommend that the dues be increased to two dollars a year.

Mr. Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, was asked to come in and discuss some ideas which he is working on for the improvement of Council publications and promotional literature.

After further informal discussion, the meeting adjourned.

ACTIONS FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TEMPORARY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

January 8, 1944

1/8/44

On motion of Dr. Clement, seconded by Miss Wilkins:

IT WAS VOTED that this body ratify the action of the special committee by electing Dr. Guy B. Johnson as Executive Director and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid as Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson reported that the charter had been granted by the State of Georgia, as of January 6, 1944, and that the Southern Regional Council is now an incorporated body. The charter was presented to the Committee.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Tilly:

IT WAS VOTED that Miss Emily H. Clay be elected Secretary and Comptroller of the Council and that she be authorized to arrange for the bank account and to sign checks, to be countersigned by Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director, and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Associate Director.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Clement:

IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, and Miss Emily H. Clay be instructed to prepare a budget for the year between now and the February meeting for presentation at that meeting.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Ames:

IT WAS VOTED that ~~before the meeting in February~~ during the time between now and the February meeting the Secretary and Comptroller be authorized to pay, out of such funds as may come into the Council's treasury before the February meeting, all obligations assumed this morning in the election of Dr. Guy B. Johnson, ~~and~~ Dr. Reid, and Miss Clay, and such other legitimate expenses as Dr. Johnson, Dr. Reid, and Miss Clay agree should be met.

On motion of Mrs. Tilly, seconded by Mrs. Ames:

IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Reid be instructed to draw up in advance of the February meeting an outline of the program and by-laws of the Council, to be circulated to the members of the Board of Directors of the Council before the meeting.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton:

IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Guy B. Johnson be elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Council and that at the same time he be elected to membership in the Executive Committee.

On motion of Dr. Clement, seconded by Dr. Alexander:

IT WAS VOTED that the ~~temporary Executive Committee~~ two executives be requested to consider the recommendation of the Board on November 27, 1943, relative to a National Advisory Committee, and to bring recommendations to the February meeting.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Clement:

IT WAS VOTED that the Board's recommendation of November 27, relative to the appointment of honorary fellows, be referred to the two executives, with instructions to bring their recommendations to the February meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Ames, seconded by Miss Wilkins:

IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Alexander and Dr. Charles S. Johnson be authorized to come to an agreement as to salary for Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Ira DeA. Reid.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Ames:

IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Guy B. Johnson and Dr. Reid be instructed to look into the whole matter of state groups as promptly as possible and to take such steps as seem necessary to conserve the forces and values in the state interracial groups.

It was suggested that a letter, to be signed by Dr. Odum as President of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc., should be sent to the state chairmen.

It was agreed that the date of the February meeting be set for February 16-17, in the Conference Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University.

On motion of Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Clement:

IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Leonard Haas be elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Special Committee
Appointed to Select the Executive Committee

Atlanta, Georgia - February 17, 1944

2/17/44

The Special Committee appointed to select an Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Administration Building of Atlanta University at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 17, 1944. The following were present: Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, Gerald P. O'Hara, Rufus E. Clement, Gordon B. Hancock, P. B. Young, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, Carter Wesley, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

IT WAS VOTED that the following be elected to membership on the Executive Committee*:

Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Rufus E. Clement
Gordon B. Hancock
Leonard Haas
Charles S. Johnson
T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

The Committee gave instructions that the members of the Board of Directors be notified of the election of the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Emily H. Clay
Secretary

* The President and Vice presidents are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Atlanta, Georgia - March 22, 1944

3/22/44

The Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Atlanta University Administration Building at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 22, 1944. The following members attended: Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, and Miss Josephine Wilkins. Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, and Emily H. Clay from the Council's staff were also present.

Dr. Johnson reported that messages had been received from Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. P. B. Young, Dr. H. P. Rainey, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Dr. Howard W. Odum, and Mr. Carter Wesley expressing regret at their inability to be present.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected temporary chairman.

Mr. Bridges took the chair, after which the Committee discussed the selection of a permanent chairman.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Charles S. Johnson be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Emily H. Clay be elected secretary, ex officio.

The Committee recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P. M.

After discussion, it was suggested that the Committee meet once a month, or at least every two months, until the annual meeting in October. The fourth Wednesday in each month was tentatively agreed upon as the regular date until October.

Dr. Johnson reported that a small committee had called on Bishop Moore to urge him to accept election to the presidency, but that the bishop felt that recent additions to his heavy church responsibilities would make it impossible for him to do justice to the office. He, therefore, regretfully declined the presidency.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Howard W. Odum be asked to serve as president of the Council, at least until the annual meeting in October.

At the request of the Committee, Dr. Guy B. Johnson called Dr. Odum in Chapel Hill and received his consent to accept the presidency until the October meeting.

The election of additional members was discussed, but Mr. Leonard Haas called attention to the fact that only the members and the Board of Directors have the power to elect members of the Council.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the voting membership shall be open to those who subscribe to the purpose of the Council, as stated in the Charter, and who pay annual dues of $1.00 or more.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that two other membership categories in addition to regular members be provided: Associates and Contributors, the Associates to be composed of people living outside the region who will subscribe to the statement, but who will not have the privilege of voting; Contributors, composed of people either within or without the region who will contribute to the Council, but who need not sign the statement and shall not have the privilege of voting.

Dr. Johnson reported that Mr. T. Wilson Wilmer, of Richmond, Virginia, who was elected to membership on the Council and the Board at the charter meeting, replied that he would be glad to become a member of the Council but regretted that he would not be able to serve on the Board.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee recommend to the Board the election of Bishop Arthur J. Moore to fill this vacancy in the Board of Directors.

Dr. Johnson called attention to the fact that Dr. Odum's election to the presidency had created another vacancy in the Board, since he would become a member ex officio. The Executive Directors were asked to bring recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee.

The relationship between the Council and existing state interracial groups within the region was discussed and, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that further consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that the Executive Directors be asked to make a report at that time on the number of such committees; the size of each committee, if possible; what the relationship to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation has been; and to make a definite recommendation as to the relationship between the state groups and the Council.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that copies of the budget be sent to the Executive Committee, with administrative comments, and that the budget be approved finally at the next meeting of the Committee.

Dr. Johnson stated that additional personnel is needed as quickly as possible, especially someone for editorial and public relations work and someone to do field work.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the two Executive Directors be empowered to employ necessary personnel, subject to the limitations of the budget.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Marvin Cox Associates had sought to enter into a contract with the Council for public relations work. It was the consensus, however, that the Council should not enter into commercial contract at this time.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the question of publication of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, its size, format, etc., be left to the discretion of the two Executive Directors.

At the request of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reid, and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

12. IT WAS VOTED that a Committee on Publications be set up to advise with the two Executive Directors relative to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, pamphlets, and any other publications which the two Directors may recommend.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

13. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors be polled and that each member be asked to name not less than three persons residing outside the area of the Southern Regional Council whom they would like to have become members of the National Advisory Committee.

Dr. Johnson reported that Bishop Moore had suggested that the Council might find it advisable to rent quarters in the Wesley Memorial Church Building, which is now being remodeled.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

14. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors be instructed to look into the situation and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

15. Following provision of the by-laws and instructions from the Board of Directors, lots were cast and the terms of members of the Board of Directors were arranged as follows:

To expire in October 1945: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Rufus E. Clement, Ernest Delpit, Leonard Haas, J. R. E. Lee, E. A. McDowell, L. D. Milton, George S. Mitchell, F. D. Patterson, John Garland Pollard, Jr., G. D. Rogers, F. B. Washington.

To expire in October 1946: Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, H. M. Bond, Louis E. Burnham, Wm. E. Cole, Luther P. Jackson, Louis I. Jaffe, Howard W. Odum, Gerald P. O'Hara, Raymond R. Paty, Philip Shulhafer, Harold L. Trigg, Goodrich C. White, Josephine Wilkins.

To expire in October 1947: Wilson M. Brown, A. W. Dent, Clark Foreman, C. H. Gillman, Mrs. Henry Havens, R. B. Herbert, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Vacancy, John H. Wheeler, F. C. Willcoxon.

To expire in October 1948: Will W. Alexander, Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Virginius Dabney, Charles S. Johnson, Ryland Knight, Benjamin E. Mays, Edmund H. Preston, James L. Robb, R. L. Russell, Edgar B. Stern, J. B. Stuart, Miss Florence Sytz, Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

Dr. Johnson asked that the Committee suggest a sub-title for the Southern Regional Council, to be used on the letterhead and in publications, in explanation of the purpose of the organization.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

16. IT WAS VOTED that the following statement from the Charter be adopted as a sub-title: "A council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South."

17. It was the sense of the Committee that the two Executive Directors should prepare a brief statement of policy, to be sent to members of the Executive Committee for comments and suggestions and later submitted to the full Board of Directors for final approval.

18. Dr. Johnson called attention to two articles, one by J. Saunders Redding and the other by Lillian Smith, in the spring issue of the magazine COMMON GROUND, severely criticizing the Southern Regional Council. He asked whether the Committee would approve of his writing a reply to these articles. It was the sense of the Committee that Dr. Johnson should prepare such an article for the summer issue of COMMON GROUND.

After tentatively approving April 26 as the date for its next meeting, the Committee adjourned.

Emily H. Clay

Secretary

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 28, 1944

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1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 22

3. OLD BUSINESS: (From Minutes of 3/22)

   A. Recommendation of person to fill Dr. Odum's place on Board.

   B. Relation of Southern Regional Council to State Interracial Groups.

   C. Budget.

   D. Quarters for Southern Regional Council.

   E. Statement of Policy.

   F. Articles in COMMON GROUND.

4. NEW BUSINESS

   A. Recommendation of person to fill vacancy caused by death of J.R.F. Lee.

   B. Machinery for electing members in intervals between annual meetings.

   C. Proposed changes in the By-Laws.

   D. Policy on enlargement of Board of Directors.

   E. Consideration of Statements on Supreme Court decision in Texas primary case and on race issue in political campaigns.

   F. Other matters.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee
Atlanta, Georgia — December 5, 1944

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1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
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3. THE PRESIDENCY
4. PERSONNEL
5. REPORT ON SPECIAL MEETINGS SPONSORED BY SRC
6. REPORT ON PAMPHLETS IN PREPARATION
7. PROGRESS OF LAWRENCE DRAKE PROJECT
8. CASE OF MRS. RECY TAYLOR, ABBEVILLE, ALABAMA
9. INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS
10. SEGREGATION STUDY
11. YOUTH PROGRAM
12. PROGRAM ON VETERANS AND POST-WAR ATTITUDES
    - A. Visits to Governors
    - B. Selection of South-Wide Committee

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

2/28/45

The Executive Committee met in the Council's conference room on Wednesday, February 28, 1945, beginning at 10:30 A. M. Those present were Rufus E. Clement, Edmund M. Preston, Josephine Wilkins, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, and Rosa Lee Jay, Acting Secretary.

Dr. Johnson opened the meeting by raising the question as to whether the two Executive Directors could be counted for purposes of a quorum. At Mr. Preston's request, the amendments to the by-laws concerning membership and quorum of the Executive Committee were read. According to the by-laws the Executive Directors are members of the Committee without vote, and a quorum consists of any five members of the Committee. Mr. Preston expressed the legal opinion that in the absence of any provision to the contrary, the Executive Directors might be counted toward a quorum.

On motion of Dr. Reid-

1. IT WAS VOTED that those present constitute a quorum.

Dr. Johnson pointed out the necessity of selecting a chairman for the meeting on account of the absence of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, and also suggested the importance of electing a vice-chairman of the Committee. The latter suggestion was postponed until such time as there is a fuller attendance of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mr. Preston-

2. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Wilkins be elected chairman of this meeting.

Dr. Reid read the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee and on his motion-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes be approved as read.

Since there were no minutes of the January informal meeting of the local members of the Executive Committee, Dr. Johnson reviewed the discussion which took place at the meeting. It was agreed that in the future minutes for such informal meetings should be taken and copies distributed to the members of the Committee.

Dr. Johnson reported that Mr. Mark Ethridge was unable to accept the offer of the Council presidency and that Dr. Odum was, therefore, reelected for the year 1944-45 in accordance with instructions of the Board of Directors on January 31. He reported, also, that Mr. Ethridge had wired the Council on the day before the meeting of the Board to the effect that he would not be able to accept the presidency, because of the pressure of work in the absence of Mr. Barry Bingham, Publisher of the Louisville Courier Journal, but that the telegram did not reach the Council office until after the meeting of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Clement-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director should write Mr. Ethridge in behalf of the Executive Committee, expressing regret that he could not accept the presidency and appreciation for his continuing interest in the Council.

On motion of Dr. Clement-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be requested to write Dr. Odum in behalf of the Executive Committee, expressing appreciation for his willingness to continue in office and confidence in his leadership.

In reviewing his negotiations with a minister of Wilmington, North Carolina, who was interested in joining the Council staff as a field worker, Dr. Johnson said that a salary of $5100 a year had been offered, but that since this was less than the man's present salary he had asked whether a living allowance of $75 a month could be made. After discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee did not look with favor on the policy of making such additional allowances.

Negotiations were being carried on with Dean J. T. Taylor, of North Carolina College for Negroes, Dr. Johnson said, and Claude Nelson, Jr., of Atlanta, was being considered for editorial and publicity work. The qualifications of these men were discussed, and final action was left to the discretion of the Executive Directors.

Dr. Johnson told of two meetings called by the Council: the state interracial committee heads at the Council headquarters on February 1, and a group of church women at the Piedmont Hotel on February 2 to discuss post-war conditions.

Dr. Johnson mentioned three pamphlets which are now being prepared for the Council: one by Rupert Vance of the University of North Carolina on the Southern people; one by Dorothy Dickins of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station on health, and one by Stetson Kennedy on suffrage. Dr. Johnson reported, also, that the Commission pamphlet "Understanding Our Neighbors" was in the process of revision by the Council.

A report of the research which is being done by Mr. Lawrence Drake for a graphic presentation of the human and economic resources of the South was made by Dr. Johnson, who said that the subject would be dealt with at a conference sponsored by the Council on April 11-12 in Atlanta.

Dr. Johnson said that after the members at the annual meeting had instructed the Executive Directors to investigate the case of Mrs. Recy Taylor he wrote Governor Sparks, and that he had had confidential reports from Alabama members. It was found that action was being taken in Alabama. After discussion-

6. IT WAS VOTED that a statement of the facts of the case be prepared by the Directors for presentation to the Executive Committee.

It was reported that an Institute of Race Relations was being planned for April 11-12-13, sponsored jointly by the Southern Regional Council and the American Missionary Association.

A preliminary schedule designed to poll the membership of the Southern Regional Council on the question of segregation was submitted to the Council by Dr. Reid. After discussing this memorandum at length, the Committee suggested that it be discussed more fully by Dr. Odum, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, and the Executive Directors.

Dr. Reid reported that a meeting of representatives from the colleges in the Atlanta area, to discuss what can be done on college campuses and how the Council can help with such a program, was scheduled for March 9.

Memoranda on the Program on Veterans and Post War Attitudes were distributed. In the discussion, it was reported that the planning committee was attempting to arrange a conference with Governor Arnall on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P. M.

Rosa Lee Jay, Acting Secretary

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.

AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 25, 1945

I. ROLL CALL

II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

III. STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON FUNCTIONING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Difficulty in holding meetings as scheduled
B. Definition of quorum
C. Legality of February 28 meeting
D. Method of filling vacancies
E. Next meeting of Committee

IV. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED SINCE CHARTER MEETING

V. PERSONNEL

VI. ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

A. Lawrence Drake project
B. A. C. Robinson's work
C. Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Tilly
D. Conference on South's Post War Economy, April 11-12
E. Post war race tensions, veterans, etc.
(1) Conference with Governor Arnall
(2) Leaflet for church women
(3) Other plans
F. Youth program
G. Abbeville case
H. Affiliation agreements
I. Publications
J. Participation in conferences and meetings
K. Segregation study
L. Prosposed conference on law enforcement

VII. FINANCE

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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The meeting was opened with prayer by Msgr. McNamara.

After the roll call, Dr. Guy Johnson reported that he had received letters of regret from Dr. Homer Rainey, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Mr. Carter Wesley, and Mr. P. B. Young. Mr. Leonard Haas had expected to be present but was unable to attend on account of illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting, February 28, were read and upon motion of Msgr. McNamara-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes be adopted as read.

Since there was some doubt as to whether those present at the meeting of February 28 constituted a quorum, on motion of Miss Wilkins-

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Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question as to whether under the by-laws the Executive Directors could make motions since they have no vote in the Committee. After some discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that the Executive Directors could make motions. Dr. Clement suggested that a ruling be gotten on this from Mr. Haas.

Dr. Guy Johnson expressed concern over the difficulty of getting the

Executive Committee together. He recognized the fact that all members of the Committee were busy people and some lived a long distance away. However, bi-monthly dates had been set and the members had been notified of these dates well in advance, and attendance was still not good. The February meeting was of doubtful legality, because only five were present including the Executive Directors. The meeting in April had to be postponed because it was impossible to get a quorum. The present meeting, which is approximately a month late, has thrown the meetings off schedule. After some discussion, it was decided that the next meeting would be held on the next regular set date, which would be Wednesday, June 27.

Miss Wilkins stated that she felt that notice of the February 28 meeting was not sent far enough in advance; that she received notice only one week before the date of the meeting. Dr. Guy Johnson asked that the letter of notice for that meeting be brought from the Executive Committee file. This was done and it was shown that the letter of notice was mailed on February 16.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question of filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the death of Mr. Preston. After due consideration and on motion of Msgr. McNamara-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Charles Gillman be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Preston and that the Board of Directors be polled by mail.

Dr. Guy Johnson presented a list of the membership of the Board of Directors which, according to the by-laws, had been divided by lot and placed in terms. Eight members have been elected since the election of the original Board. Dr. Johnson asked whether these should fill the six vacancies now on the Board or serve full four-year terms. After discussion and on motion of

Dr. Clement-

4. IT WAS VOTED that they be taken alphabetically and placed in the vacancies in the order of their appearance and the remainder serve a four-year term.

The Executive Director reported as follows on personnel:

Mr. A. C. Robinson, who has been connected with the FSA, came on in January and will work until July 1. He has made an informal survey of the use of Negro labor in the textile industries in Georgia. His findings were shown informally to several government agencies in Washington. Mr. Robinson has also done some investigating involving civil rights, and he is organizing some work that will enable us to use the Council Fellows more effectively.

Mrs. Henry Havens, of Jacksonville, Florida, is working with the State Committees along the Seaboard and with church women's groups. She is also looking into the police situation in Florida, especially Ft. Lauderdale where there has been considerable trouble.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly is doing similar work with Georgia and westward with State Committees and church women. She is helping us look into a case in DeKalb and Gwinnett counties involving the rape of a colored woman.

The Council is getting part-time service of Dr. Hardin Hughes who is working with Dr. Charles Johnson at Fisk and who will be in Atlanta this summer. He is a good compiler and writer, and he has already submitted a pamphlet manuscript on "The Economic Value of the Negro to the South."

Mrs. Jay, of the secretarial staff, has had to resign on account of her health. This is a vacancy that must be filled as soon as possible.

Mr. James T. Taylor of Durham, North Carolina, seemed anxious to work with us, but he was unwilling to move his residence, and so negotiations with him have come to an end.

Miss Wilkins reported that she had been quite favorably impressed with Mr. Mattison, who is Director of the Community Chest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Reid suggested that the possibilities of getting Mr. Mattison on the staff be explored. On motion of Dr. Odum-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Directors be instructed to investigate Mr. Mattison and report at the June meeting.

The name of Mr. James Slade was also mentioned as a possible staff member, but no action was taken.

In discussing personnel, Dr. Reid reminded the Committee that his resignation which had already been submitted would become effective in June. At the request of Dr. Odum, Dr. Reid will continue as Associate Director until the meeting on June 27.

Dr. Charles Johnson spoke at some length on several matters. He expressed concern over the problem of continued financial support from the Rosenwald Fund, particularly in view of the growth of other organizations which are, in a sense, competing with the Council. He thought that it was important to move more actively in one or more current areas of vital concern to the South and to obtain adequate personnel for the task. One such current issue, he said, is the whole matter of veterans, the administration of the GI Bill in the South, and the dangers of race conflict which are imminent. He stated that funds for this type of work are obtainable if a suitable person can be found to put over a special program. He suggested that Dr. George Mitchell, now with PAC, might soon be available and that he would be a good person to promote a veteran's program.

There was discussion of these matters, and it was agreed that Dr. Mitchell should be approached. Some concern was expressed over meeting Dr. Mitchell's salary, but Dr. Charles Johnson said that he was reasonably

certain that funds would be available to meet the salary if Dr. Mitchell, or some person like him, were available. Dr. Odum expressed agreement, and stated that if the salary exceeds the present Council scale the salaries of the Executive Directors should be increased accordingly. As Dr. Mitchell was in Atlanta, he was called to the Council offices.

In the meantime, Dr. Guy Johnson reported on the Lawrence Drake project. Mr. Drake began work in January on a special contract basis to compile some data on the economic outlook of the South and to prepare a chart on this subject to be printed in colors. He also helped to secure speakers for the Conference on the South's Post War Economy. The talks given at this Conference are being published in a 9 X 12 booklet. Dr. Johnson called attention to the chart and pointed out that due to poor judgment in planning its size and color composition its reproduction is a complicated problem. He stated that unless there was objection the arrangement with Mr. Drake would be concluded and the Executive Directors would assume responsibility for working out the reproduction of the chart.

Dr. George Mitchell came in, and Dr. Odum outlined a plan for doing constructive work in the field of veterans' service, particularly Negro veterans.

Dr. Mitchell expressed great interest in the proposal, and there was further discussion of what the work would involve. He left the room, and after some discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

6. IT WAS VOTED that we offer Dr. George Mitchell $7,500 a year and moving expenses.

The Executive Directors were excused from the room, and after discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the salary of the Executive Director be made $7500 and the Associate Director $3500 on a part-time basis.

Miss Wilkins brought up recommendations acted on at the annual meeting of SRC in regard to a permanent organization of FEPC and the fact that the National Council for a Permanent FEPC is now organizing groups over the South to promote legislation now pending in Congress. She thought the Council should urge its members to affiliate with the groups now being organized in the South.

Dr. Clement stated that it was his impression that the resolution had been published in the press and in THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, so that members were already familiar with the endorsement of the principle of a permanent FEPC, but that it would be in order to call their attention to the matter again.

After some discussion and on motion of Miss Wilkins-

8. IT WAS VOTED that we call to the attention of the members of the Council the action taken in regard to FEPC at the annual meeting in December and suggest that, since the National Council for a Permanent FEPC is now setting up local committees, this will give them an opportunity to implement their interest.

Dr. Reid asked for instructions regarding the segregation study. After some discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

9. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Reid be instructed to do whatever he and Dr. Johnson and finances would permit to make a study of segregation in transportation, and to make a preliminary report at the next annual meeting.

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MINUTES

Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council

May 25, 1945

5/25/45

The Executive Committee met in the Council's conference room on Friday, May 25, beginning at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman, presided. Those present were Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Dr. Charles Johnson, Msgr. T. James McNamara, Dr. Howard W. Odum, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Dr. Ira DeA Reid, Dr. Guy Johnson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Msgr. McNamara.

After the roll call, Dr. Guy Johnson reported that he had received letters of regret from Dr. Homer Rainey, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Mr. Carter Wesley, and Mr. P. B. Young. Mr. Leonard Haas had expected to be present but was unable to attend on account of illness.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, February 28, were read and upon motion of Msgr. McNamara -

1 IT WAS VOTED that the Minutes be adopted as read.

Since there was some doubt as to whether those present at the meeting of February 28 constituted a quorum, on motion of Miss Wilkins-

2 IT WAS VOTED that the action taken at the meeting of February 28 be ratified and become the official action of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question as to whether under the by-laws the Executive Directors could make motions since they have no vote in the Committee. After some discussion it was the consensus of opinion that the Executive Directors could make motions. Dr. Clement suggested that a ruling be gotten on this from Mr. Haas.

Dr. Guy Johnson expressed concern over the difficulty of getting the Executive Committee together. He recognized the fact that all members of the Committee were busy people and some lived a long distance away. However, bi-monthly dates had been set and the members had been notified of these dates well in advance, and attendance was still not good. The February meeting was of doubtful legality, because only five were present including the Executive Directors. The meeting in April had to be postponed because it was impossible to get a quorum. The present meeting, which is approximately a month late, has thrown the meetings off schedule. After some discussion, it was decided that the next meeting would be held on the next regular set date, which would be Wednesday, June 27.

Miss Wilkins stated that she felt that notice of the February 28 meeting was not sent far enough in advance; that she received notice only one week before the date of the meeting. Dr. Guy Johnson asked that the letter of notice for

that meeting be brought from the Executive Committee file. This was done and it was shown the the letter of notice was mailed on February 16.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question of filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee caused by the death of Mr. Preston. After due consideration and on motion of Msgr. McNamara-

3 IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that Mr. Charles Gillman be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Preston and that the Board of Directors be polled by mail.

Dr. Guy Johnson presented a list of the membership of the Board of Directors which, according to the by-laws, had been divided by lot and placed in terms. Eight members have been elected since the election of the original Board. Dr. Johnson asked whether these should fill the six vacancies now on the Board or serve full four-year terms. After discussion and on motion of Dr. Clement-

4 IT WAS VOTED that they be taken alphabetically and placed in the vacancies in the order of their appearance and the remainder serve a four-year term.

The Executive Director reported as follows on personnel:

Mr. A. C. Robinson, who has been connected with the FSA, came on in January and will work until July 1. He has made an informal survey of the use of Negro labor in the textile industries in Georgia. His findings were shown informally to several government agencies in Washington. Mr. Robinson has also done some investigating involving civil rights, and he is organizing some work that will enable us to use the Council Fellows more effectively.

Mrs. Henry Havens, of Jacksonville, Florida, is working with the State Committees along the Seaboard and with church women's groups. She is also looking into the police situation in Florida, especially Ft. Lauderdale where there has been considerable trouble.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly is doing similar work with Georgia and westward with State Committees and church women. She is helping us look into a case in DeKalb and Gwinnett counties involving the rape of a colored woman.

The Council is getting part-time service of Dr. Hardin Hughes who is working with Dr. Charles Johnson at Fisk and who will be in Atlanta this summer. He is a good compiler and writer, and he has already submitted a pamphlet manuscript on "The Economic Value of the Negro to the South."

Mrs. Jay, of the secretarial staff, has had to resign on account of her health. This is a vacancy that must be filled as soon as possible.

Mr. James T. Taylor of Durham, North Carolina, seemed anxious to work with us, but he was unwilling to move his residence, and so negotiations with him have come to an end.

Miss Wilkins reported that she had been quite favorably impressed with Mr. Mattison who is Director of the Community Chest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Reid suggested that the possibilities of getting Mr. Mattison on the staff be explored. On motion of Dr. Odum-

5 IT WAS VOTED that the Directors be instructed to investigate Mr. Mattison and report at the June meeting.

The name of Mr. James Slade was also mentioned as a possible staff member, but no action was taken.

In discussing personnel, Dr. Reid reminded the Committee that his resignation which had already been submitted would become effective in June. At the request of Dr. Odum, Dr. Reid will continue as Associate Director until the meeting on June 27.

Dr. Charles Johnson spoke at some length on several matters. He expressed concern over the problem of continued financial support from the Rosenwald Fund, particularly in view of the growth of other organizations which are, in a sense, competing with the Council. He thought that it was important to move more actively in one or more current areas of vital concern to the South and to obtain adequate personnel for the task. One such current issue, he said, is the whole matter of veterans, the administration of the GI Bill in the South, and the dangers of race conflict which are imminent. He stated that funds for this type of work are obtainable if a suitable person can be found to put over a special program. He suggested that Dr. George Mitchell, now with PAC, might soon be available and that he would be a good person to promote a veteran's program.

There was discussion of these matters, and it was agreed that Dr. Mitchell should be approached. Some concern was expressed over meeting Dr. Mitchell's salary, but Dr. Charles Johnson said that he was reasonably certain that funds would be available to meet the salary if Dr. Mitchell, or some person like him, were available. Dr. Odum expressed agreement, and stated that if the salary exceeds the present Council scale the salaries of the Executive Directors should be increased accordingly. As Dr. Mitchell was in Atlanta, he was called to the Council offices.

In the meantime, Dr. Guy Johnson reported on the Lawrence Drake project. Mr. Drake began work in January on a special contract basis to compile some data on the economic outlook of the South and to prepare a chart on this subject to be printed in colors. He also helped to secure speakers for the Conference on th South's Post-War Economy. The talks given at this Conference are being published in a 9 x 12 booklet. Dr. Johnson called attention to the chart and pointed out that due to poor judgment in planning its size and color composition its reproduction is a complicated problem. He stated that unless there was objection the arrangement with Mr. Drake would be concluded and the Executive Directors would assume responsibility for working out the reproduction of the chart.

Dr. George Mitchell came in, and Dr. Odum outlined a plan for doing constructive work in the field of veterans' service, particularly Negro veterans.

Mr. Mitchell expressed great interest in the proposal, and there was further discussion of what the work would involve. He left the room, and after some discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

6 IT WAS VOTED that we offer Dr. George Mitchell $7,500 a year and moving expenses. The Executive Directors were excused from the room, and after discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

7 IT WAS VOTED that the salary of the Executive Director be made $7500 and the Associate Director $3500 on a part-time basis.

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Dr. Clement stated that it was his impression that the resolution had been published in the press and in THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, so that members were already familiar with the endorsement of the principle of a permanent FEPC, but that it would be in order to call their attention to the matter again.

After some discussion and on motion of Miss Wilkins-

8 IT WAS VOTED that we call to the attention of the members of the Council the action taken in regard to FEPC at the annual meeting in December and suggest that, since the National Council for a Permanent FEPC is now setting up local committees, this will give them an opportunity to implement their interest.

Dr. Reid asked for instructions regarding the segregation study. After some discussion and on motion of Dr. Odum-

9 IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Reid be instructed to do whatever he and Dr. Johnson and finances would permit to make a study of segregation in transportation, and to make a preliminary report at the next annual meeting.

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AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 27, 1945

I. ROLL CALL

II. MINUTES OF MAY 25 MEETING

III. PERSONNEL

IV. STATE COMMITTEES

V. POLICE

VI. VETERANS

VII. FEPC

VIII. SEGREGATION STUDY

IX. PUBLICATIONS

X. OTHER BUSINESS

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

6/27/45

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Council Conference Room on Wednesday June 27, 1945. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 A.M. by Dr. Guy B. Johnson, who said that the Chairman, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, had planned to be present but was unable to do so because of illness. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Josephine Wilkins, Guy B. Johnson, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary.

Dr. Johnson reported that Dr. Reid was unable to attend the meeting, as he was delayed in getting transportation from Seattle, Washington, where he had been attending a conference. He reported, further, that all other absent members of the Committee had expressed regret because of their inability to be present.

Mr. Haas was elected temporary chairman.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 25 meeting, inasmuch as copies were mailed to all members. Miss Wilkins asked, however, that the portion of the minutes referring to notice of meetings be changed to read: "Miss Wilkins stated that since committee meetings involve southwide attendance she felt that insufficient advance notice of meetings is being given. She cited as an example the February 28 meeting, notice of which she received only a week in advance." Dr. Johnson stated that he was sure that the notices of the February 28 meeting were mailed on February 16, since a reply dated February 17 was received from one of the local members of the Committee.

On motion of Msgr. McNamara, seconded by Dr. Clement-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes be adopted with this correction.

With reference to personnel, Dr. Johnson reported that Dr. George Mitchell had accepted the position offered to him at the time of the May meeting and that he began work on June 18. Dr. Mitchell regretted, Dr. Johnson said, that he could not attend this meeting because of an engagement in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he had gone to look over a veterans' center which is being set up in that city.

Dr. Johnson reported that Mrs. Anna Warwick, who was Dr. Mitchell's secretary in PAC, had begun work with the Council. He also told of other additions to the staff: Miss Margaret Price, who will begin work on July 1, and Mrs. Ines Tillison, who will come to us on August 1. Miss Price, a Mississippian who recently received her Master's degree at the University of North Carolina, will be a research assistant and will work with Dr. Reid on the segregation study. Mrs. Tillison, who is now with the Atlanta Social Planning Council, will do secretarial work and supervise the stenographic staff. She will also organize our books and pamphlet material. Dr. Johnson said that he planned to go to Knoxville later in the week to interview a young man at TVA about doing our editorial and publicity work.

The matter of an Associate Executive Director is still unsettled, Dr. Johnson stated. He told the committee that he had been interested in trying to work out an arrangement with Mr. W. Y. Bell, Jr., who is head of the Southern office of the National Urban League, with headquarters in Atlanta. The only possibility at the present time, however, would be to have an understanding with the Urban League which would enable Mr. Bell to divide his time between the Southern Regional Council and his present position, with the understanding that he would come on a full-time basis eventually. In the discussion which followed, Dr. Clement offered to talk with Mr. Granger of the Urban League about this when he is in New York in July. Dr. Johnson said he would be glad to have him do so.

With reference to the State interracial committees, Dr. Johnson said that he had recently attended a two-day meeting of the Texas Interracial Committee, at Fort Worth, at which time the committee voted to affiliate with the SRC and to take whatever steps are necessary to become a state division of SRC as soon as possible. Dr. Johnson said that he had promised to return to Texas later in the summer to assist the committee in completing their plans.

Dr. Johnson reported that he and Mrs. Tilly went to Louisville, Kentucky, on June 16 to meet with the Executive Board of the Kentucky Interracial Council, who voted to affiliate with the SRC. Mrs. Havens was attending a meeting of the South Carolina Executive Board in Columbia to advise with the members concerning cooperation with SRC. The committee has already voted to become the South Carolina Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Dr. Johnson said. He also reported that we are conferring with Virginia and North Carolina with the idea of working out their affiliation with the SRC, and he expressed the hope that all ten of the existing state committees would be affiliated and working more closely with us by the time of the annual meeting in the fall.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee of the effort which we are making to collect information on the use of Negro police and the reactions of police chiefs and others to the use of Negroes on the police forces in Southern cities. A research on police training and administration in the South is being planned, he said, to be supervised by a group of university people. It is hoped that this will be financed by the General Education Board, who have indicated their willingness to make a special grant for important research projects which will be done through the universities. Dr. Johnson asked that the Committee authorize him to request a grant from the GEB when the plans have matured and, on motion of Dr. Hancock, seconded by Dr. Clement-

2a IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be authorized to approach the General Education Board about funds for a research project on police.

Dr. Johnson told of a conference that a committee of which he was a member had recently with Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta regarding the use of Negroes on the city police force. It was suggested, also, that a group from the Fulton-DeKalb Interracial Committee be asked to have a similar conference with Mr. Roy LeCraw, who will oppose Mr. Hartsfield in the coming campaign for the office of Mayor of Atlanta.

New Council publications which Dr. Johnson said are just off the press, or soon will be, are: (1) A revised edition of UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS, a former publication of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation; (2) AFTER THE WAR, a leaflet prepared at the request of the Council's Conference of Church Women for use in aiding the returning veterans; (3) OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGRO VETERANS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, a pamphlet prepared by Mr. Joseph Shabses of the faculty of the Atlanta University School of Social Work; (4) ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE NEGRO TO THE SOUTH, by Dr. W. Hardin Hughes; (5) a booklet containing the addresses delivered at the Council's Conference on the South's Post War Economy. The pamphlet entitled VOTING RESTRICTIONS, a publication of the Committee of Editors and Writers of which Mark Ethridge is Chairman, is also being distributed by the Council. Material for two other pamphlets -- one on Health, the other on Suffrage -- is on hand, but is awaiting final editing.

Mr. Haas asked whether these publications would be sent to public libraries, chambers of commerce, and the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and other civic clubs. He thought that such distribution would be most beneficial. Dr. Johnson assured him that this would be done.

Dr. Johnson reported that the circulation of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER is increasing gradually. He said that it is our hope to improve and enlarge it, perhaps to a six or eight publication, as soon as a publicity man can be added to the staff.

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Dr. Johnson asked what the Committee would think of having Dr. Mitchell's veterans program prepare a pamphlet on what the Negro soldier has done in this war. He told of a letter received from Dr. James Dombrowski of the Southern Conference on Human Welfare, saying that the Conference Executive Board had voted to give special attention to the question of veterans and had given instructions that whatever the Conference does in this field shall be done in cooperation with the Southern Regional Council. After discussion and on motion of Dr. Hancock, seconded by Msgr. McNamara-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Southern Regional Council shall cooperate with the Southern Conference on Human Welfare in the work with veterans and that Dr. Mitchell be asked to consider the advisability of cooperating in the preparation of a pamphlet on the contribution of the Negro soldier.

Dr. Hancock asked whether the Council had taken note of President Truman's stand on the FEPC. After discussion and on motion of Dr. Clement, seconded by Dr. Hancock-

4. IT WAS VOTED that a letter be sent to President Truman commending him on his forthright statement about FEPC.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

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M I N U T E S

Meeting of Local Members
of the Executive Committee

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
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Executive Committee Meeting

September 18, 1945, 10:30 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES OF JUNE 27 MEETING

3. MINUTES OF LOCAL MEETING JULY 25

4. NEW PERSONNEL

5. PROGRESS REPORT BY STAFF MEMBERS

6. FINANCE REPORT

7. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM AND POLICY

8. STAFF PROPOSALS

9. PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

9/18/45

The Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Council on Wednesday, September 18, 1945, and was called to order at 10:45 A.M. by the Chairman, Dr. Charles S. Johnson. In addition to the Chairman, the following were present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans' Services, who had been invited to sit with the Committee.

The Chairman read a telegram from Dr. Odum who had expected to be present, but who found it impossible to come.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson explained that Mr. Carter Wesley had wired that he would be present if he could arrange for transportation from Houston to Atlanta, but apparently he was unable to do so. Messages of regret had also been received from Messrs. Hancock, Rainey, and Young.

The Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the full Committee. In view of the fact that copies were sent to the members, however, on motion of Mr. Haas-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes of the June 27 meeting be dispensed with.

The minutes of the July meeting of local members were read and on motion of Dr. Guy Johnson-

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the July 27 meeting be approved with a minor change in wording.

The Chairman asked Dr. Guy Johnson whether he cared to comment on anything in the minutes. Dr. Johnson said he would like to say that, following his reply

to an editorial by Dr. Young in the Norfolk Journal and Guide for July 7, Mr. Wesley wrote expressing regret that any reply was made to the editorial. He also included some criticism of the Council's activities which Dr. Johnson summarized as: (1) that we are doing too much publishing of propaganda, which he thought was not particularly effective; (2) that we are not getting at the people who control things, who have influence and prestige; and (3) we are not getting anywhere on the policies laid down in the Durham statement. In the same letter Mr. Wesley offered his resignation. Dr. Johnson said that he wrote Mr. Wesley, thanking him for his letter and expressing the hope that he could meet with the Executive Committee and that we might have a full discussion of the Council's policies. Mr. Wesley replied that he would do his best to be present.

Dr. Johnson also spoke of the difficulty of getting good attendance at meetings of the Committee which he thought tied in with some of the misunderstandings we have had. He told the Committee that the attendance record shows that two members have missed all meetings of the Committee and that another member has attended only one. The record of the other members, he said, was fair to good. Dr. Johnson reminded the Committee that it had been necessary to postpone several meetings because of inability to get a quorum, and he expressed the hope that we might find some way of being assured of better attendance. He recalled that it had been suggested that insufficient notice was given. According to the record, however, the only meeting for which insufficient notice was given was the first one following the charter meeting, and the attendance was good in spite of the short notice. Msgr. McNamara spoke of the recent telegram asking whether he could attend a meeting on September 18. He said he replied that he could be present and, although he did not receive confirmation of the date, he assumed that the meeting would be held. To avoid misunderstanding, however, he suggested that such messages be confirmed in the future.

The Committee discussed the annual meeting, which, according to the by-laws, shall be held on the second Wednesday in October at the Council headquarters, or at such other time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Dr. Clement explained that inasmuch as the Council met in December last year he was under the impression that it would meet at the same time this year. Accordingly, because of other meetings which have been scheduled, Atlanta University would not be able to entertain the Council during October. It was revealed that the October date was also inconvenient for other members of the Committee. After discussion, therefore, and on motion of Mr. Gillman-

2. IT WAS VOTED that the next annual meeting be held on Wednesday November 14, 1945, at Atlanta University and, in accordance with the provision in the by-laws, that the Board of Directors meet on the preceding day at the same place.

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M I N U T E S

Sept. 18, 1945

Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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The Chairman read a telegram from Dr. Odum who had expected to be present, but who found it impossible to come.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson explained that Mr. Carter Wesley had wired that he would be present if he could arrange for transportation from Houston to Atlanta, but apparently he was unable to do so. Messages of regret had also been received from Messrs. Hancock, Rainey, and Young.

The Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the full Committee. In view of the fact that copies were sent to the members, however, on motion of Mr. Haas-

1 IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes of the June 27 meeting be dispensed with.

The minutes of the July meeting of local members were read and, on motion of Dr. Guy Johnson-

2 IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the July 27 meeting be approved with a minor change in wording.

The Chairman asked Dr. Guy Johnson whether he cared to comment on anything in the minutes. Dr. Johnson said he would like to say that, following his reply to an editorial by Dr. Young in the Norfolk Journal and Guide for July 7, Mr. Wesley wrote expressing regret that any reply was made to the editorial. He also included some criticism of the Council's activities which Dr. Johnsom summarized as: (1) that we are doing too much publishing of propaganda, which he thought was not particularly effective; (2) that we are not getting at the people who control things, who have influence and prestige; and (3) that we are not getting anywhere on the policies laid down in the Durham statement. In the same letter Mr. Wesley offered his resignation. Dr. Johnson said that he wrote Mr. Wesley, thanking him for his letter and expressing the hope that he could meet with the Executive Committee and that we might have a full discussion of the Council's policies. Mr. Wesley replied that he would do his best to be present.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met at 10:45 A. M. Tuesday November 13, 1945, in the Conference Room of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Charles S. Johnson, with the following present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Gordon B. Hancock, Charles S. Johnson, Guy B. Johnson, T. James McNamara, Howard W. Odum, Ira De A. Reid, Josephine Wilkins, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary. Mr. Louis I. Jaffe and Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., who were present for the meeting of the Board of Directors, were invited to sit with the Committee.

As the first item of business, Dr. Guy Johnson called attention to several items in the by-laws for which he recommended amendments. These were reported as follows:

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"The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board,"

be amended by striking out the words,

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(Purpose of amendment to remove a conflict with ARTICLE V, Section 1.)

On motion, duly seconded-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend the adoption of this amendment to the by-laws.

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(Present wording in conflict with the remainder of the Section, since all directors are elected by the members except those who are elected by the Board to fill vacancies.)

On motion, duly seconded-

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After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

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On motion, duly seconded-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that ARTICLE II, Section 7, which reads-

"Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure,"

be amended by the following addition:

"Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors."

(5) That the members discuss the question of the time of the annual meeting and that if a more suitable date can be established the by-laws be amended accordingly.

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5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the portion of ARTICLE II, Section 3, which reads:

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Dr. Guy Johnson suggested that the Executive Committee submit to the members a resolution raising the annual dues for Council membership. It was his opinion that the dues should be not less than $2.00 a year, and he said that there was much to be said for making them still higher.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the annual dues be set at $2.00 for regular members and $5.00 for sustaining members.

It was suggested that members joining toward the latter part of the year be entered for membership for the following year.

Dr. Charles Johnson asked how much effort was being made to enlarge the membership. Dr. Guy Johnson replied that while a good many nominees are being invited, no special campaign was being carried on at the present time, but that Mr. Warwick is now preparing material for use in a membership campaign which we hope to begin early in the year.

Dr. Guy Johnson said that experience during the past year indicates that it is probably unreasonable to expect busy persons who live as far away from Atlanta as Virginia and Texas to attend bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Com-

mittee. Although regular dates were set and due notice given, one meeting was held without a quorum and two others had to be postponed because a quorum was not available on the regular dates. Dr. Johnson suggested that quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee would be sufficient to carry on the regular business of the Council, since the by-laws provide that, when necessary, special meetings may be called by the Chairman or any three members of the Committee.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee hold quarterly meetings.

Dr. Guy Johnson presented the following items for consideration by the Executive Committee.

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It is suggested that the Executive Committee might act to organise and finance further studies in this field in Atlanta and the South, and that action on this section of the report should be instituted not later than January, 1946.

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That the portion of this Section 1, which reads,

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Because of a lack of time for proper consideration of this recommendation, it was suggested that it be referred directly to the Board without recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 1 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Nov. 13, 1945

Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met at 10:45 A. M. Tuesday November 13, 1945, in the Conference Room of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Charles S. Johnson, with the following present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Gordon B. Hancock, Charles S. Johnson, Guy B. Johnson, T. James McNamara, Howard W. Odum, Ira DeA. Reid, Josephine Wilkins, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary. Mr. Louis I. Jaffe and Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., who were present for the meeting of the Board of Directors, were invited to sit with the Committee.

As the first item of business, Dr. Guy Johnson called attention to several items in the by-laws for which he recommended amendments. These were reported as follows:

(1) That the portion of ARTICLE VI, Section 1, which reads,

"The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board,"

be amended by striking out the words,

"except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board."

(Purpose of amendment to remove a conflict with ARTICLE V, Section 1.)

On motion, duly seconded-

1. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend the adoption of this amendment to the by-laws.

(2) That the portion of ARTICLE IV, Section 1, which reads,

"Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board shall hold office for four years..."

be amended to read,

"Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of members or of the Board, except such directors as are elected by the Board to fill unexpired terms, shall hold office for four years..."

(Present wording in conflict with the remainder of the Section, since all directors are elected by the members except those who are elected by the Board to fill vacancies.)

On motion, duly seconded-

2. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend the adoption of this amendment to the by-laws.

(3) That the provision concerning a quorum in ARTICLE II, Section 6 of the by-laws be considered with a view to amendment.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that ARTICLE II, Section 6, which reads as follows, be deleted:

"At all meetings of members the presence, in person or by proxy, of not less than one-fourth of the entire membership, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence of a quorum the members present in person or by proxy at the time and place fixed by Section 3 of this ARTICLE II for an annual meeting, or fixed by the notice of a special meeting, or at the time and place of any adjournment thereof, by majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over sixty days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified."

(4) That provision be made in the by-laws for balloting by mail on certain questions.

On motion, duly seconded-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that ARTICLE II, Section 7, which reads-

"Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure,"

be amended by the following addition:

"Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors."

(5) That the members discuss the question of the time of the annual meeting and that if a more suitable date can be established the by-laws be amended accordingly.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the portion of ARTICLE II, Section 3, which reads:

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After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

6. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the annual dues be set at $2.00 for regular members and $5.00 for sustaining members.

It was suggested that members joining toward the latter part of the year be entered for membership for the following year.

Dr. Charles Johnson asked how much effort was being made to enlarge the membership. Dr. Guy Johnson replied that while a good many nominees are being invited, no special campaign was being carried on at the present time, but that Mr. Warwick is now preparing material for use in a membership campaign which we hope to begin early in the year.

Dr. Guy Johnson said that experience during the past year indicates that it is probably unreasonable to expect busy persons who live as far away from Atlanta as Virginia and Texas to attend bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Committee. Although regular dates were set and due notice given, one meeting was held without a quorum and two others had to be postponed because a quorum

was not available on the regular dates. Dr. Johnson suggested that quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee would be sufficient to carry on the regular business of the Council, since the by-laws provide that, when necessary, special meetings may be called by the Chairman or any three members of the Committee.

After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

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R. B. Atwood
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Alfred Mynders
Philip Shulhafer

Nominating Committee 1946

Rufus E. Clement, Chairman
Stanley R. Brav
Virginius Dabney
E. A. McDowell
L. D. Milton
G. D. Rogers
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

Committee on Personnel 1947

Leonard Haas, Chairman
Rufus E. Clement
Josephine Wilkins
Charles S. Johnson ex-officio

Suggested Finance Committee 1947

W. W. Alexander
Rufus E. Clement
N. C. Newbold
Virginius Dabney
J. H. Wheeler

SRC - Executive Committee

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Charles S. Johnson, Chairman	✓							
Rufus E. Clement	✓							
C. H. Gillman		✓						
Leonard Haas	✓							
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T. James McNamara	✓							
Josephine Wilkins	✓							
Ex Officio								
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P. B. Young		✓						
Frank W. Spencer		✓						
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C. H. Gillman	✓			✓		✓		✓
Leonard Haas	✓		✓		✓		✓	
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Clement, Rufus E.	p	-	p	p	p	p
Gillman, Charles H.						p
Haas, Leonard	p	p	p	-	-	p
Hancock, Gordon B.	-	p	-	-	-	p
Johnson, Charles S.	-	p	-	-	p	-
Johnson, Guy B.	p	p	p	p	p	p
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Mitchell, George S.						
Odum, Howard W.		p	p	-	p	-
Preston, Edmund M.				p	De	
Rainey, Homer						
Reid, Ira De A.	p	p	p	p	p	—
Spencer, Frank						
Trigg, Harold L.						
Wesley, Carter			p	-	-	-
Wilkins, Miss Josephine	p	p	p	p	p	p
Williams, Paul						
Young, P. B.	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Letter to all listed below

October 26, 1945

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

As you know, the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held in Atlanta on November 13-14, at which time the report of the Nominating Committee will be a very important item of business. I am asking the following to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, Savannah, Chairman
Virginius Dabney, Richmond
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Atlanta
Edward A. McDowell, Louisville
Lorimer D. Milton, Atlanta
Philip Shulhafer, Atlanta
Miss Florence Syts, New Orleans
Carter Wesley, Houston
P. B. Young, Norfolk.

It is of the greatest importance for the Committee to find a dynamic Southerner who will accept the presidency. If a leader could be found who is neither a professor nor a minister, it would seem to be very desirable.

Since some of those listed above live a long way from Atlanta, it will probably be impossible for the Committee to meet until the time of the annual meeting. Since the Executive Committee is to meet on the morning of November 13, followed by the Board in the afternoon, it may be wise for the Nominating Committee to plan its meeting sometime during the morning of the 13th. However, I leave this matter to the discretion of the chairman of the Committee.

I have asked Dr. Guy B. Johnson to issue this letter from the Atlanta office in my behalf. He will write you concerning the offices for which nominations are to be made for the meeting of the Board and the meeting of members.

With appreciation for all that you are doing,

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. ODUM
President

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

October 26, 1945

MEMORANDUM to Members of the Nominating Committee, 1945

FROM Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director

On the accompanying sheet you will find a list of the members of the Board of Directors arranged according to the years in which their terms expire. The ten directors whose terms expire in 1945 are eligible for re-election under the by-laws. They are subject to election by the meeting of members on November 14.

Nominations will also be made to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Horace Mann Bond, who has moved to Pennsylvania, and Dr. James L. Robb, who has resigned because of ill health.

The Nominating Committee should also present a slate for the offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President. These officers are subject to election annually by the Board of Directors at its meeting immediately following the meeting of members.

There should also be nominations for the following executive positions: Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel. These are likewise subject to election annually by the Board of Directors' meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

At present there is no provision for the rotation of terms on the Executive Committee, and there will be no need for Executive Committee nominations unless some elected member of the Committee becomes an officer and thereby shifts to ex officio status on the Executive Committee.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Terms Expiring in October, 1945

Charles W. Anderson
Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
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Ernest Delpit
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L. D. Milton
George S. Mitchell
F. D. Patterson
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G. D. Rogers
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Philip Shulhafer
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H. M. Bond (Moved to Pennsylvania; vacancy to be filled)

Terms Expiring in October, 1947

Wilson M. Brown
A. W. Dent
Clark Foreman
C. H. Gillman
Mrs. Henry Havens
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
R. B. Herbert
T. James McNamara
Arthur J. Moore
John H. Wheeler
F. C. Willcoxon

Terms Expiring in October, 1948

Will W. Alexander
Charles Clingman
Virginius Dabney
O. D. Duncan
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Benjamin E. Mays
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Edgar B. Stern
J. B. Stuart
Mrs. A. M. P. Strong
Miss Florence Syts
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

James L. Robb (Resigned October, 1945; vacancy to be filled)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY DR. ODUM FOR NOMINATION

OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

October 26, 1945

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, Chairman

Virginius Dabney
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Edward A. McDowell
Lorimer D. Milton
Philip Shulhafer
~~Miss Florence Sytz~~ Can't be here.
Carter Wesley
P. B. Young, Sr.
N. C. Newbold

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November 2, 1945

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
Rector's Office
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

I am happy that you are willing to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Enclosed is a copy of the notice which Miss Clay has sent to the members of the Committee.

Miss Florence Sytz of New Orleans has written Dr. Odum that she will not be able to attend the annual meeting, and will, therefore, not be able to serve on the Nominating Committee. Dr. N. C. Newbold, of Raleigh, has been appointed in her place.

Here are a few thoughts which I have on my mind concerning the tasks facing the Nominating Committee:

(1) Dr. Odum sincerely feels that it would be better to find someone else for the presidency. I feel that he is held in much higher esteem throughout the South than he realizes. I suppose he would be willing to continue as president if no other satisfactory person can be found, but he is sensitive to the criticism of those people who say that he is too much of an academic man. If Mark Ethridge had not got his recent European assignment, we might have been able to approach him again and get him to take the presidency, but of course, that is out now. I wonder if you know Mr. C. F. Palmer, of Atlanta. Dr. Odum thinks highly of him as a possible successor. If you think well of the idea and would like for me to ascertain Mr. Palmer's availability, please wire me or drop me a note before you leave for New York.

(2) The vice-presidencies pose a delicate problem in a sense. If our three vice-presidents were not ex-officio members of the Executive Committee it would not matter much, but they are members of the committee and are counted toward a quorum. If the committee comes to the point of nominating new persons for the vice-presidencies I suggest that it might well consider such white men as Marion A. Wright, of Conway, South Carolina, who is head of the South Carolina Committee of SRC, and Edward A. McDowell of the Baptist Seminary at Louisville and such Negroes

as F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute and Lorimer D. Milton, Atlanta Banker.

(3) As for board members, I believe that all those whose terms expire this year will be willing to serve again. Among good people who might fill the places of Dr. Bond and Dr. Robb are Mr. Wright and Mr. Palmer, provided they are not nominated as officers, Dr. Aaron Brown, of Albany, Georgia, and Dr. William A. Gray, Jr., of Florida A & M. The last two are colored men. Other good names will occur to you.

Of course, if anyone who is at present on the board is nominated and elected to office, thereby becoming an ex-officio board member, the committee should look out to nominate someone to fill his unexpired term as an elected member of the board. Likewise, if any present officers are not reelected, they will no longer be on the board unless they are nominated for board membership.

(4) As you know, we were authorized by the Executive Committee to offer Dr. H. L. Trigg the Associate Directorship on a full-time basis. Dr. Trigg has indicated his acceptance and is now trying to arrange for his release from his college before any public announcement is made. It is in order, therefore, for his name to be presented for Associate Director. Since Dr. Trigg is on the board at present and would shift to ex-officio status as Associate Director, I hope Dr. Reid will be nominated to fill Trigg's place on the board as he would otherwise no longer be a member of the board.

I hope that you have a pleasant trip to New York. I am looking forward to seeing you on the morning of November 13.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Special Delivery

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

October 29, 1945

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. Guy B. Johnson,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As you know, Dr. Howard W. Odum has asked that I serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, which is to report at our Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 14, 1945. I am happy to serve the Council in any capacity and especially in any suggestive by Dr. Odum.

May I request that you have your secretary notify the members of this Committee, in my name, that a meeting of the Committee will be held the morning of November 13? The place and the hour I will leave to your discretion, and will be guided accordingly.

Since I am leaving for New York on November 5 and will not return to my desk until after our Annual Committee meeting, I would appreciate it if you would have the secretary inform me of your actions in these matters.

If there are any suggestions you would like to make in reference to this Committee assignment, please know that I would be grateful for them.

With every good and best wish,

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

CC Dr. Howard W. Odum

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

October 29, 1945

Dr. Howard W. Odum,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Odum:

It will be a pleasure for me to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee which is to report at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council, scheduled for November 14, 1945.

As stated in my letter to Dr. Johnson, copy of which I enclose, I am happy to serve in any capacity which you might indicate. In this I am prompted by a sense of gratitude to you for all that you are doing to impregnate the Southern Social Structure with Christian principle.

With sentiments of esteem, I remain,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara.

CC Dr. Guy B. Johnson

Copy to Dr. Odum.

November 2, 1945

Miss Florence Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University of Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of October 30 to Dr. Howard W. Odum. We all regret very much that you are not able to attend the annual meeting of the Council on November 13 and 14 and will, therefore, be unable to serve on the Nominating Committee. Your absence will be a distinct loss to the Council.

The program of the interracial conference which is to be held in New Orleans November 5 - 7 looks very interesting indeed. I wish that I could be there, but I shall be head over heels in work in preparation for the annual meeting here. I am glad Dr. Ira De A. Reid can be with you.

All good wishes.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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October 30, 1945

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Dr. Howard W. Odum
Southern Regional Council Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My Dear Dr. Odum:

I regret very much my inability to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta on November 13-14 and, therefore, my inability to serve on the Nominating Committee.

We are having an interracial conference in New Orleans November 5-7th, and as chairman of the program I have spent more time on this meeting than I could afford to do so in light of my teaching responsibilities. I spent the time gladly since the project is one close to my heart and mind. I am enclosing a copy of the preliminary program, it does not list, as the final program will, all of our co-sponsors including the very generous sponsor Dr. Charles Johnson got for us. The New Orleans School Board is meeting today and we are hopeful of adding the public schools to the list. We went out first for the four universities in the city for obvious reasons of strategy. We have the parochial and private schools, only the public schools remain to be heard from. The institute is the first major project of the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations and a goodly number of the members of this committee are hard at work to make the institute a success.

The Board of the Young Women's Christian Association has given us permission to use their facilities so we will be able to provide lunch for the white and negro speakers and members of the audience who wish to get their lunch at the "Y."

I regret missing the November meeting of the Southern Regional Council as I always gain a great deal that is useful to me in my teaching and extra-curricular activities from these meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Florence Sytz

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CC. Guy B. Johnson

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The Good Neighbor *at Home*

An Institute on Race Relations sponsored jointly by Tulane University, Dillard University, Loyola University, Xavier University and the New Orleans Committee on Race Relations.

Monday, November 5, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 10 A. M.

TOPIC: *Race Relations and the Problem of Earning a Living.*

SPEAKERS: Dr. Will Alexander.
Dr. Ira Reid.

DISCUSSANTS: Miss Sara Southall.
Miss Lucy R. Mason.
Miss Frances Williams.

Chairman Mrs. Edgar Stern.

Monday, November 5, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 2 P. M.

TOPIC: *Solving the Problems.*

SPEAKERS: Miss Sara Southall.
Miss Lucy R. Mason.
Miss Frances Williams.

DISCUSSANTS: Dr. Will Alexander.
Dr. Ira Reid.

CHAIRMAN: Reverend V. J. O'Connell.

Monday, November 5, Y.M.H.A., 1634 Clio Street, 8 P. M.

TOPIC: *Citizenship in a Democracy.*

SPEAKERS: Dr. Ira Reid, "Full Citizenship for All People in the United States."
Mr. Clark Foreman, "Safeguarding Civil Liberties."

CHAIRMAN: Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger.

Tuesday, November 6, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 10 A. M.

TOPIC: *Education for Racial Tolerance.*

SPEAKERS: Dr. Arthur Raper.
Dr. Felton G. Clark.
Mr. Herman Long.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. A. W. Dent.

Tuesday, November 6, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 3:30 P. M.

TOPIC: *Methods of Promoting Racial Tolerance.*

SPEAKER: Dr. Clyde R. Miller.

DISCUSSANT: Dr. R. P. McCutcheon.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. C. C. Henson.

Wednesday, November 7, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 10 A. M.

TOPIC: *The Church and Race Relations.*

SPEAKERS: Dr. Will Alexander.
Reverend N. A. Holmes.
Rabbi Julian B. Feibleman—(tentative).
To be announced.

CHAIRMAN: Very Reverend William H. Nes.

Wednesday, November 7, Y.W.C.A., 929 Gravier Street, 10 A. M.

TOPIC: *Race Relations and Social Welfare.*

SPEAKERS: Mr. Clark Foreman.
Dr. Forrester Washington.

DISCUSSANT: Mr. Herman Long.

CHAIRMAN: Miss Louise Meyer.

WHO'S WHO

Will Alexander, Vice-President, Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Ira Reid, Professor of Sociology, Atlanta University.

Sara Southall, Personnel Department, International Harvester Company.

Lucy R. Mason, Southern Public Relations Representative of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Frances Williams, Special Assistant to the Administrator, U. S. Office of Price Administration.

Edgar Stern, President of the Board of Trustees, Dillard University and Member of the Board of Administrators, Tulane University.

Reverend V. J. O'Connell, SM., Proessor of Sociology, Notre Dame Seminary.

Clark Foreman, President, Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, Touro Synagogue.

Arthur Raper, Social Science Analyst, Division of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Felton G. Clark, President, Southern University.

Herman Long, Department of Social Sciences, Fisk University.

Albert W. Dent, President, Dillard University.

Clyde R. Miller, Teachers College, Columbia University.

R. P. McCutcheon, Dean, Graduate School, Tulane University.

C. C. Henson, Principal, Newman Isidore School.

Reverend N. A. Holmes, Pastor, Central Congregational Church.

Rabbi Julian B. Feibleman, Temple Sinai Congregation.

Very Reverend William H. Nes, Christ Church Cathedral.

Forrester Washington, Director, Atlanta School of Social Work.

Louise Meyer, Director, Social Service Department, Charity Hospital.

November 2, 1945

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Mr. P. B. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

At the request of Msgr. T. James McNamara, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, which was recently appointed by the president, Howard W. Odum, I am writing to notify you that the Committee will meet at Council headquarters on November 13 at 9:30 A. M.

Please return the enclosed card letting us know whether you can attend. I turst that you can be present at this important meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary

November 2, 1945

Dr. Howard W. Odum
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Virginius Dabney
Edward A. McDowell
Lorimer D. Milton
Philip Shulhafer
Carlter Wesley
P. B. Young
Howard W. Odum

Nom. Com.

November 7, 1945

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
Biltmore Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Msgr. McNamara:

Thank you for your letter of November 5. I have sounded out Mr. Palmer, and I am afraid that he does not want to be considered available for the presidency. Although he has lived here twenty-five or thirty years, he was not born in the South and he feels that the president had better be a native Southerner. Also he realizes that he stands a little bit to the right of some of the policies of the Council and he thinks that this would not be fair to the Council. Personally, I think we will strengthen our position if we develop the right wing a little, but I am rather doubtful that we will be able to persuade Mr. Palmer to accept the presidency.

Mr. Palmer urged that we try to get President Goodrich C. White of Emory to accept the place. We could not do better if we wanted to select a man from educational circles. I have asked Dr. White's assistant, Mr. John Griffin, to ascertain whether he would permit his name to be considered.

I am sorry that I do not know Paul Williams well enough to have a sound opinion of him. As you say, Virginius Dabney can give us an evaluation. Dabney is planning to attend the meeting of the Nominating Committee.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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Air mail Special

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RECTOR'S OFFICE
Savannah, Georgia

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thanks very much for your kind and helpful letter.

I am in thorough accord with your statement that Dr. Odum is held in higher esteem in our Southland than he realizes. His humility is refreshing and I might add highly encouraging, especially in relation to the Presidency. Personally I feel the Council will suffer in his retirement. However, should you feel that we had better defer to his wishes, then I would ask that you sound out Mr. Palmer. I would be pleased to present his name, since he has the endorsement of Dr. Odum.

Concerning the vice-presidencies it would seem strength might be had in nominating successors to Messrs. Young and Rainey. The first because of his health and the latter, since he has found it difficult to attend Board Meetings. With Dr. Odum's observation concerning professors and clergyman, I wonder if we would not do better in nominating laymen. Do you know Paul Williams of Richmond? Virginius Dabney could give us an evaluation here.

I will be at the Biltmore Hotel, New York, until Sunday, November 11th.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

T. James McNamara

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara

November 8, 1945

Nom. Com.

Dr. N. C. Newbold
Department of Public Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Newbold:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Nominating Committee. We are delighted that you can serve on this committee. Here are a few thoughts that I mention in confidence.

(1) Dr. Odum has said again that he thinks it would be better to put someone else in the presidency, preferably someone who is not in the field of education or religion. We are very short of liberal minded business men who would be willing to accept the presidency. I had hopes of getting Mr. C. F. Palmer, of Atlanta, to say he would be willing to consider it, but after talking to him I am afraid that he does not consider himself available. My own feeling is that ~~if we~~ cannot line ~~up some-~~ one who is very good and who says he is willing to accept the presidency, it will be much better to insist that Dr. Odum keep the place for another year. I think perhaps we can get Mark Ethridge when he is through with his European assignment.

(2) The Vice-presidencies are a problem in that the persons who hold office are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and are counted toward a quorum of the committee. Dr. Rainey and Mr. Young ~~have missed~~ all meetings of the Executive Committee and Mr. Wesley has attended only one. They are all good men and I have the highest respect for them, but from a realistic point of view we must have officers who can get to the Executive Committee meetings at least half of the time. It may be that one or more of the Vice-presidents will express a wish not to be renominated. If so, the Nominating Committee's work will be made a little easier. If Dr. Odum is renominated, the committee may feel some hesitancy in changing the slate for Vice-presidents. This situation makes me wish that we had a good man available to succeed Dr. Odum, because then the committee could nominate a complete new slate of officers without any embarrassment.

If new names are submitted for Vice-presidents, I suggest that the following be considered: Mr. C. F. Palmer, business man and housing expert, Atlanta; Mr. Marion A. Wright, lawyer and Chairman of the South Carolina Committee of SRC, Conway, South Carolina; Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee; and Mr. L. D. Milton, banker, Atlanta. The first two are white men.

(3) As for the Board of Directors, I presume that the class of 1945 will be renominated, since they are all eligible and are willing to serve again as far as I know. This leaves only two vacancies, one white and one Negro, due

to resignation or moving out of the South. Of course, as changes are made in the officers, certain men will no longer be on the board unless they are put in these vacancies. Dr. Trigg will be elected Associate Director, thereby becoming an ex-officio board member, leaving his regular place on the board to be filled. I think that Dr. Reid should be put in this place since he would otherwise not remain on the board.

I hope that these reflections will be of some little use to you as you think over the work of the Nominating Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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P. S. Thanks also for your good letter concerning the persons who might help out with the proposed school study at Durham. I think we shall start by approaching Dr. Proctor of Duke University.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

RALEIGH

November 6, 1945

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Guy:

I have received Dr. Odum's letter of November 2 requesting me to serve on the nominating committee of the Council which will meet next Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Council Headquarters in Atlanta. I am glad to accept this opportunity for service and am writing to ask if you can offer any suggestions as to persons that are being considered for the various offices and places on the Board of Directors. You are in the heart of all that is going on and no doubt would be willing to give me some suggestions. Anything that would help. I shall be glad to keep what you say in fullest confidence if that is desired.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

N C Newbold

N. C. NEWBOLD

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As elected 11-14-45
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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

November 13, 1945

OFFICERS

✓ **President** - Paul D. Williams, Virginia

✓ **First Vice-President** - P. B. Young, Virginia

✓ **Second Vice-President** - ~~G. P. Palmer, Georgia~~ Com. Frank Spencer

✓ **Third Vice-President** - Carter Wesley, Texas

Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Emily H. Clay
Asst. Secy-Treas - Inez B. Tillison
Counsel - Leonard Haas

✓ **Executive Director** - Guy B. Johnson

✓ **Associate Executive Director** - Harold L. Trigg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vacancies ----

✓ Dr. Ira DeA. Reid, Georgia, to succeed Dr. H. L. Trigg. '46

✓ Dr. Howard W. Odum, North Carolina, to succeed Dr. James L. Robb '48

✓ Dr. David D. Jones, North Carolina, to succeed Dr. Horace M. Bond '46

Nominated as New Board Members ---- Terms will be in accordance with the By-Laws.

✓ Armand May, Georgia
✓ J. R. Henderson, Georgia (Negro) '49
✓ Rabbi Stanley Brav, Mississippi
✓ Marion A. Wright, South Carolina
✓ John Griffin, Georgia
✓ Rev. Maynard Jackson, Georgia (Negro)
✓ Bishop E. A. Penick, North Carolina
Watts Hill, North Carolina
✓ E. A. Eason, Mississippi
✓ Alfred Mynders, Tennessee
✓ Aubrey Williams, Alabama
Gordon Gray, North Carolina
✓ Hodding Carter, Mississippi
✓ J. M. Tydings, Kentucky
Barry Bingham, Kentucky
✓ J. W. Seabrook, North Carolina (Negro)
✓ C. H. Parish, ~~Jr.~~, Kentucky
✓ R. P. Daniel, Fla.
✓ Mrs. Warren Zeuch, Fla.
✓ Mrs Eugene Spearman

Nominated to Succeed Themselves

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, North Carolina
Rufus E. Clement, Georgia
Ernest Delpit, Louisiana
Leonard Haas, Georgia
E. A. McDowell, Kentucky
L. D. Milton, Georgia
George S. Mitchell, Georgia
F. D. Patterson, Alabama
J. G. Pollard, Jr., Virginia
G. D. Rogers, Florida
Forrester B. Washington, Georgia

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council

Article VI - Section 1. Executive Officers.

The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one, or more Vice President, an Executive Director, and an Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President, and the Vice President shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director Sec-Treas + Counsel shall be elected by vote of the Executive Committee upon the recommendations ~~submitted by~~ of a committee whose function shall be the selection and nomination of these officers. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary, and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The executive offices of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members. The offices of Executive Director and Associate Executive Director Sec-Treas + Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 13 of Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

November 13, 1945

OFFICERS

President - Paul D. Williams, Virginia - Elected

First Vice-President - P. B. Young, Virginia - Dr. Gordon P. Hancock (nom.) not elected

Second Vice-President - ~~C. F. Palmer, Georgia~~ - Commander Frank Spencer Substitute

Third Vice-President - Carter Wesley, Texas - Pres. A. W. Dent (declined)

Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Emily H. Clay

Counsel - Leonard Haas

Executive Director - Guy B. Johnson

Associate Executive Director - Harold L. Trigg

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer - Guy B. Johnson

Officers as amended. Election of

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Elected

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Rabbi Stanley Brav, Mississippi - Vicksburg
Marion A. Wright, Columbia, South Carolina
John Griffin, Georgia
Rev. Maynard Jackson, Georgia (Negro)
Bishop E. A. Penick, North Carolina - Raleigh
Watts Hill, North Carolina - Durham
E. A. Eason, Mississippi - Jackson
Alfred Mynders, Tennessee - CG
Aubrey Williams, Alabama - MY
Gordon Gray, North Carolina - Winston-Salem
Hodding Carter, Mississippi -
J. M. Tydings, Kentucky - Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Ky
Barry Bingham, Kentucky - Courier Journal + Times, Louisville
J. W. Seabrook, North Carolina (Negro) - Fayetteville

C. H. Parish, Jr., Kentucky

R. P. Daniel, Jax
Mrs. Warren Leach, Vero Beach, Florida

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The Nominating Committee recommends that the Executive Committee in turn recommend to the Board of Directors that when members of the Board are elected to the staff, that their membership on the Board be declared vacant by reason of election to the staff, and that they continue to serve as Board Members Ex-officio.

The Nominating Committee, likewise recommends to the Executive Committee that they submit to the Board of Directors an amendment to ARTICLE VI, Section 1, as proposed by the Nominating Committee.

November 13, 1945

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Nom. Com.

Prepared, but not used. Keep for sample ballot for future use.

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Nov. 1945

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Southern Regional Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. For unexpired term of Dr. H. M. Bond, who has moved to Pennsylvania.

Vote for one. Term to expire Oct., 1946.
(check)

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2. For unexpired term of Dr. H. L. Trigg, who was elected Associate Director.

Vote for one. Term to expire Oct., 1946
(check)

___ Dr. Ira De A. Reid
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3. For unexpired term of Dr. James L. Robb, who resigned October, 1945.

Vote for one. Term to expire Oct., 1948
(check)

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4. For terms to expire October, 1949.
Vote for twelve.
(Check)

___ Charles W. Anderson
___ Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
___ Rufus E. Clement
___ Ernest Delpit
___ Leonard Haas
___ E. A. McDlwell
___ L. D. Milton
___ George S. Mitchell
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Southern Regional Council

(Vote for one in each group)

OFFICERS 1946

President

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First Vice-President

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Second Vice-President

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Third Vice-President

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___ Emily H. Clay
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Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

___ Inez B. Tillison
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September 25, 1946

Rabbi Stanley Brav
1209 Cherry Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Brav:

Mr. Williams has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Nominations. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual member meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Nominations at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12 in the SRC Conference Room.

The Board of Directors, of which you are a member, will also meet on November 12 - at 2 P. M.

Will you please fill in and return the enclosed card as quickly as possible, indicating whether you will serve on the committee as requested and whether you will attend the meeting at 8 P. M. November 12.

Cordially yours,

Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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September 25, 1946

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Mr. Williams has asked me to inform you that he is appointing you to membership on the Committee on Nominations, of which he would like to have you serve as Chairman. He hopes very much that you plan to be here for the annual SRC meeting on November 13 and that you will attend a meeting of the Committee on Nominations at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening November 12 in the SRC Conference Room.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, of which you are a member, will also meet on November 12 - at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., respectively.

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Emily H. Clay
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Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

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Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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September 25, 1946

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. McDowell:

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Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

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1416 North Boulevard
Tampa, Florida

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Emily H. Clay
Secretary-Treasurer

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September 25, 1946

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Forsyth Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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	Yes	No
I accept the appointment to serve on the Committee on Nominations ----------	____	____
I shall attend the meeting of the Committee at 8 P. M. Tuesday November 12 ----------	____	____

SIGNED_____

Date_____

Miss Emily H. Clay
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, 1946

Rufus E. Clement, Chairman

Stanley R. Brav

Virginius Dabney

E. A. McDowell

L. D. Milton

G. D. Rogers

Mrs. Warren Zeuch

Committee meets 8 P.M., November 12, Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue NE

SRC - Committee on Nominations

November 3, 1948

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
247 Henry Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

Mrs. McKoy and I have talked about your letter of November 1, for which thank you.

I got a letter from John Griffin yesterday saying he thinks there is almost no chance that he will get here and that, in general, whatever the other members of the committee decided was all right.

We have heard from Mrs. Spearman that she is going to come.

Josephine Wilkins is a member of the Executive Committee who has industriously attended and has given much thought, between Board meetings as well as at meetings, to the problems and needs of the Council. I suggest that you, as chairman, get in touch with Josephine and ask her to serve with you and Mrs. Spearman as the nominating committee to pick members of the Executive Committee.

I will be glad to advise, but it seems to me that the decisions ought to come from the committee.

Everybody on the Executive Committee is good. Everybody has an acceptable attendance record except P. B. Young and Carter Wesley. Wesley's problem is distance and P. B. Young's problem has been illness. Paul Williams has lately talked with Mr. Young, who

continues his close interest in the Council. In any case, his membership on the Executive Committee is by virtue of his office as vice president of the Council.

We will arrange a luncheon table for you and the committee.

We all appreciate your care and thought about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t
cc: Mrs. Agnes McKoy

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
247 HENRY STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FORRESTER B. WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR

November 1, 1948

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Mrs. Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mrs. McKoy:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 28 which concerned itself with the functions of the committee on nominations and the Board of Directors in connection with the coming meeting on November 11.

There are two or three matters which concern me, i. e., the possibility of no other members of the nominating committee except me being present.

a. Mr. John Griffin, as you know, is away studying and there is no certainty that Mrs. Spearman will be in attendance.

b. I feel that a member of the present Executive Committee ought to be on the nominating committee because this person would know better than any member of your present nominating committee who does and who does not function on your present Executive Committee, whether they represent enough divergent points of view to have all of the points of view of the Board of Directors, and the like.

Since we are certain that Mr. Griffin will not be present, what would you and Mr. Mitchell think of the addition of someone from the present Executive Committee to take Mr. Griffin's place?

c. A meeting of our committee during the luncheon hour on the day of the meeting -

I shall be glad if you will arrange this as you suggested.

d. Mr. Mitchell or yourself (Mrs. McKoy) to attend this luncheon to advise the nominating committee.

If this arrangement were possible, I suppose there would be no special need for members of the present Executive Committee to be placed on the Nominating

Committee. All I have in mind is to get some advice from someone who knows about the value of the various members of the present Executive Committee. You or Mr. Mitchell would be especially helpful in advising the committee regarding the new members who have been suggested for Board members and the present members whose terms of office have expired during 1948 and for whom the former may be replacements.

Cordially,

Forrester B Washington

Forrester B. Washington
Director

FBW:h

November 4, 1948

Mrs. Josephine Hayman
3860 Vermont Road, N E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hayman:

In accord with the appointment made at the last meeting of the Southern Regional Council, November 12, 1947, and confirmed in a letter from Mrs. Agnes McKoy, Secretary Treasurer of the Council, dated December 8, 1947, appointing the Standing Committee on Nominations for members of the Board of Directors, I am writing at this time to solicit your help and suggestions in the final preparation of a report which we can have available for presentation at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, November 10.

You will find enclosed a tentative report making recommendations which are being presented to you for your thinking with the specific request that you delete any names listed here and feel free to make any recommendations or changes and return a copy of the same to me immediately in order that I might make an attempt to compile the recommendations of all the members of our committee for your final approval prior to the formal meeting of our organization in Atlanta. Please feel free to write on the margin of the extra statement which is being sent and which you can return to me direct with your comments. You will find enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

I shall ask Dr. Mitchell to make arrangements for a brief meeting of our group at an appropriate time on November 10, during the Annual Meeting and you may expect a further invitation from him and/or me concerning this upon your arrival in Atlanta.

Thanking you for any criticisms or comments that you may give in connection with these matters, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WHG:acbb

Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

cc: Dr. George C Mitchell
Mrs. Agnes McKoy

November 4, 1948

Dr. Mildred Mell
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

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November 4, 1948

Mrs. Hortense Young
C/O Louisville Defender
418 South Fifth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

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SRC - Committee on Nominations

November 8, 1948

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL,

GREETINGS:

We, your COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, wish to submit the following report:

We feel the entire membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, deserves commendation and appreciation for the unselfish service they are rendering. We further feel that the class of 1948 has been an important cog in the wheel of progress of the Council and that each person has made a contribution. The failure of some of the members of this class to attend the meetings of the Council is by no means an evidence of their non-interest, but due, we are sure, to the exigencies of their respective positions and other just and satisfactory causes, but each in his or her own and often quiet way, has been a bearer of goodwill for the Council, Because of the very active interest of some of the members of this class, it is the feeling that their services should be utilized to the maximum extent. The following persons are therefore nominated for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Council, beginning in 1948, for a term to expire in 1952:

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~~Mr. Virginius Dabney~~
Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Dr. N. C. Newbold
~~Dr. Howard W. Odom~~
Dr. B. E. Mays
Dr. Edgar Stern - 2110 Amer. Bk. Bldg NO
Mr. O. D. Duncan - Oklahoma A&M - Stillwater, Okla.
~~Mr. Jacob L. Reddix~~
Miss Florence Sytz

Report of Committee on Nominations
Southern Regional Council
November 8, 1948--2

The following persons are retiring from the Board:

~~Mr. Charles Clingham~~ Rt Rev. man - 421 S. Second St., Louisville, Ky
~~Dr. H. D. Goode~~ - 642 W. Wright St - Pensacola, Fla.
~~Mr. Z. A. Looby~~ Dr - 419 - 4th Ave, N. Nashville, Tenn.
~~Dr. R. L. Russell~~ ex officio
~~Mr. Thomas S. Staples~~ Dean - Hendrix College - Conway, Ark.
~~Mrs. A. M. P. Strong~~ - Box 580 - Marianna, Ark.
~~Dr. J. G. Stuart~~ - 2030 Taylor St - Columbia, SC.
~~Mrs. Florence Sytz~~
~~Mr. Jacob L. Beddix~~ - Jackson College Jackson, Miss

Reviewing the outstanding contributions made by certain persons in the field of interracial activities and other movements for human betterment, we make the following nominations for election to the Board of Directors, to take the place of the 1948 retiring members; and fill two vacancies:

Mr. Mark Ethridge
Mr. E. W. Palmer
Dr. Arthur Raper
Judge J. Waties Waring
Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President Clyde Milner
Mr. Edward R. Stettinius
Barry Bingham

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Daytona Beach, Florida

~~Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.~~ - 1949
Atlanta, Georgia

P.B. Young, Sr. - 1949

Committee:-
Mrs Herman Hayman
J. B. Blanton
Mildred Mell
Hortense Young
Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

Respectfully submitted:
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Chairman

November 4, 1948

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Atlanta, Georgia

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November 24, 1948

President William H. Gray, Jr.
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you very much indeed for all your work on the Committee on Nominations, and for the carefully corrected copy of your report.

You were a main prop at the meeting and we are all grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:t

The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College

WILLIAM H. GRAY JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 15, 1948

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am sending you a corrected copy of the report which was presented at the recent meeting in Atlanta by our Committee on Nominations. I thought that you and the members of the Committee might wish to have a copy for your files.

Permit me to tell you again how effective and constructive I felt the annual meeting was this year, and to commend you for the fine leadership that you are giving to the organization.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

WHG/czs

cc: Mrs. Herman Hayman
Dr. Mildred Mell
Miss Hortense Young
Mr. J. B. Blanton

SRC - Committee on Nominations ~~Washington, Forrester B~~

May 11, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington, Director
Atlanta University School of Social Work
Henry Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Washington:

Mrs. Alice Spearman has written to askme whether or not you ever accepted the chairmanship of the Nominating Committee of the Board for bringing in nominations to the Executive Committee.

Although I have no formal letter from you on file stating your acceptance of this chairmanship, there had been no question in my own mind that that you had been good enough to accept, since you were here with the Executive Committee at its last meeting on March 16, and I had received no information to the contrary.

Since she has raised this question, won't you please, therefore, drop her a note with copy to me, - for the record! Thank you so much. We do count on having you in this post.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

AM:s

11 May 1949

Mrs. Eugene Spearman
Algene Acres
Newberry, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thanks very much for your letter and for the list you retrieved for us. We especially appreciate your typing the list for us with all the additional information.

We shall send you 15 copies of the coming issue of New South, which is expected from the printer momentarily. You should get them by the first of next week, anyway.

A McK → I am asking Mrs. McKoy to write you about the Nominating Committee.

As for the surveys, we have had some correspondence with Dorothy Jones at Rock Hill and are hopeful that a survey will work out there. At the Columbia meeting in March, Caroline Gillespie seemed most interested, so perhaps Hartsville will work out too. No other nibbles from South Carolina towns as yet.

We hear that you had a most successful meeting last week — wish I could have made it.

Thanks again for sending the list.

Sincerely,

Jane P. Simpson

Algene Acres
Newberry, S.C.
6 May 1949

filed under SRC: Community Surveys

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

I did not know who started the list at the Survey meeting in Columbia, nor did I realize that it had been given to me until I found it in my papers which I have been spending today trying to file, and/ or act upon! I am enclosing a copy which I have made and to which I have added some notes and suggestions.

We were so happy to have Dr. & Mrs. Mitchell with us at our annual Spring meeting this week; wish you might have come too! It was a good meeting as you have no doubt heard.

JP notified 11 May 49 JPS

I can use 10-15 and maybe more of the coming issue of New South to excellent advantage, and hope that you will send to me at the earliest convenience. I am speaking in Spartanburg before an augmented meeting of their committee, and certainly wish I had some of the material on the position of the different denominations to use there, but guess that's too soon.

Ask, Mrs. McKoy if Mr. Washington has accepted the chairmanship of the nominating committee to nominate members of the Board for next year. I have written him asking that we get to work, with some definite plan right away so that we won't come up at the last minute complaining and passing the buck as we did last yr.; I did not like that!

Will think of dozens of questions as soon as I seal this; but until the next time, all good wishes!

Cordially yours,
Alice H. Spearman
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman

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Dear Forrester,

You very kindly agreed to serve as chairman of the nominating committee to propose to the Board of SRC suitable persons to be elected by the Board to its Executive Committee.

You have the present membership of the Executive Committee.

Paul Williams and I had opportunity to discuss some weeks ago those who might be suitable to be considered. We thought of the following:

Florence Sytz, whom you know well

Marion Wright, Linville Falls, N.C.
Age 55 or so, lawyer in Conway, S.C for a good many years, now retired, and living in the N. C. Mountains. Some slight health handicap, but quite able to be active. Graduate of U. of S. C., long a devoted worker in this cause, for some years the very effective head of the South Carolina Division. Author of the attached, which will show his quality.

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, whom you know, of course. Not at the moment a member of the Board, but is being proposed, and may well be elected this year.

The entire executive Committee serves only at the pleasure of the Board, and your committee is entirely at liberty to recommend as much replacement as it may deem desirable. It has in any case one clear vacancy, created through the proposed by-law changes which will make the position of General Counsel (held by Leonard Hass) carry ex-officio membership in the Executuve Committee.

Sincerely,

SRC - Committee on Nominations

November 22, 1949

Dr. Forrester B. Washington
Atlanta University
School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Forrester:

On behalf of the Board, everyone's sincere thanks to you for taking on again this past year the job of chairman of the nominating committee of the Board. We appreciate also your steady attendance at the meetings.

I will recall that you have now done more than your duty in that capacity and shall propose that someone else get the job next year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

SRC - Committee on Nominations

November 21, 1949

Mrs. Hortense Young
818 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Young:

We all missed you at the annual meeting, but were greatly helped by your good letter making the recommendations of the nominating committee.

We had to appoint substitute persons to bring in a report for the nominating committee. Caroline Gillespie of South Carolina, as substitute chairman, made the report. She brought in the names listed on the enclosed sheet, and the membership meeting elected all of them to the Board.

Everyone is grateful for the work done on getting these good selections.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

gsm/t

Miss Emily H. Clay, Secretary
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

As I shall shortly be transferring my residence out of this region, I think it proper to submit herewith my resignation as a member of the Southern Regional Council.

As this step constitutes a reminder that I am serving official connection with one aspect of the problems of a section in which I have been a participant-observer for the twenty-one years since I finished college - and even before that from my birth - it is with deep regret that I take this action.

At the same time I realize that in moving to a new area for work, I neither flee from, nor escape, the fundamental human problems which in a particular variety beset us here in the South.

I am increasingly reminded of Dr. Odum's profound witticism, that the Southern people "are the nicest people who do the worst things." That, of course, is true of all of us, Negro and white, North and South, Americans, Germans, Japanese, Russians, and the whole caboodle of human creation.

As I expect to find in my new work in Pennsylvania many of the very nicest people who yet do the worst things imaginable, I leave with regret that select circle of the members of the Southern Regional Council, who provide the exeeption that proves the rule inasmuch as they <u>are</u> the very nicest people, who <u>never</u> do any of the worst things.

With my best wishes for the continued success of the work of the Council, I am,

Sincerely,

Horace M. Bond

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am in receipt of the announcement sent out by Miss Clay of the annual meeting of the council to be held November 14 with the meeting of the Board on the 13th. I am writing to tender my resignation as a member of the Board. Because of an illness which kept me in bed for several weeks this past summer, the doctor has advised that I curtail my activities and responsibilities as far as possible. For that reason I wish to ask that you choose someone else to serve in my place on the Board.

My interest in the work of the council will continue and I shall be glad to do anything I can to further the objectives which the council has set for itself.

Yours sincerely,

James L. Robb

STATE OF GEORGIA

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, John B. Wilson, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that

"SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC."

was on the 6th day of January, 1944, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia by the Superior Court of Fulton County for a period of thirty-five years from said date, in accordance with the certified copy hereto attached, and that a certified copy of the charter of said corporation has been duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State and the fees therefor paid, as provided by law.

(SEAL)
STATE OF GEORGIA
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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Sixty-eight.

JOHN B. WILSON
Secretary of State, Ex-Officio Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia.

STATE OF GEORGIA,
FULTON COUNTY.

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The Petition of DR. RUFUS E. CLEMENT, RALPH McGILL, BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, and DR. HOWARD W. ODUM respectfully shows:

1.

That they desire for themselves, their associates and successors, to be incorporated under the name and style of

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

for a period of thirty-five (35) years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration thereof, and from time to time, as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

2.

The principal office and place of business of said Corporation shall be located in the City of Atlanta, County of Fulton, State of Georgia. The Corporation desires the privilege of establishing branch offices elsewhere, either within or without the State of Georgia, as may be desired.

3.

Said Corporation shall not be organized or operated for pecuniary gain or profits to its members, and shall have no capital stock.

4.

The objects and purposes of said Corporation are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council for the improvement of economic, civic and racial conditions in the South, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, State, and regional agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives.

5.

The Corporation shall have the right to receive donations, endowments, devises and bequests, and shall enjoy all rights and powers, and be subject to all limitations, of the Corporation Act of the State of Georgia, approved January 28, 1938, and all Amendments thereto, which may hereafter be adopted, excepting those rights, powers and limitations relating to capital stock, and other matters not pertinent to its organization.

6.

The membership of said Corporation shall be self-perpetuating, and shall be composed of the Incorporators, and such others as said Incorporators shall, at any time after the organization of said Corporation, designate, according to such Rules and By-Laws as may be adopted by said Corporation. The Incorporators, and such other members as may be elected at the first Incorporators Meeting, shall be designated as "Charter Members" of the Corporation.

7.

The rights of any member in the Corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

8.

All corporate meetings, whether of the members or of the Board of Directors or of any other bodies established by the Corporation, may be held either within or without the State of Georgia.

9.

The Corporation may at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Corporation, amend, either in form or in substance, its By-Laws and Charter, or either of them, and for any reason, approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Corporation, sell and dispose of any or all of its assets, and dissolve and liquidate its affairs.

10.

The name and post office address of each of the Incorporators are as follows:

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia,
Mr. Ralph McGill, 3399 Piedmont Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia,
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 1976 North Decatur Road, Atlanta, Georgia,
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dr. Howard W. Odum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

11.

If and when said Corporation, for any reason whatever, shall liquidate or cease to exist as a body corporate, or to function as an eleemosynary organization, the title to all property, money and effects, of whatever kind or character, of such Corporation, after discharging its own obligations and liabilities, shall vest in some organization having ideals and a program similar to those of said Corporation, such organization to be designated by said Corporation before its dissolution.

WHEREFORE, petitioners pray to be incorporated under the name and style aforesaid, with all the powers, privileges and immunities herein set forth, and as are now, or may hereafter be, allowed a Corporation of similar character under the laws of Georgia.

(S) HAAS, LYONS & HURT
Attorneys for Petitioners,
601 Haas-Howell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

ORDER

The foregoing Petition of Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Ralph McGill, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. Charles S. Johnson and Dr. Howard W. Odum, praying that they be incorporated under the name and style of

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.,

having been presented to the Court, and it appearing that the Application is legitimately within the purview and intention of the laws of this State, and that the name of the proposed Corporation is not the name of any other existing Corporation registered on the records of the Secretary of State,

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Application of said Petitioners be granted, and that the said Petitioners, and their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, made and constituted a body corporate under the name and style of

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.,

for a period of thirty-five (35) years, with the privilege of renewals, and with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities allowed corporations by the laws of this State.

This 6th day of January, 1944.

FRANK A. HOOPER, JR.

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURTS ATLANTA CIRCUIT.

Filed in Office, This the

6 day of January, 1944.

D. W. Brown
Deputy Clerk

P R O X Y

The undersigned, an Incorporator of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., hereby constitutes and appoints Rufus E. Clement, Ralph McGill, and Arthur J. Moore, or any one or more of them (with full power to act without the other), the proxy of the undersigned at the meeting of the Incorporators of the Council to be held on February , 1944, and any adjournment thereof, and to vote on all questions at the proxy's complete discretion, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at said meeting.

Signed [illegible]

Date Feb 2 1944

Thank you. Appreciate the care you are taking to do it right — letter follows —

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Signed _____

Date Feb 3, 1944

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Atlanta, Georgia - February 17, 1944

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 12 o'clock noon Thursday, February 17, 1944, with the following present:

Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Horace M. Bond
Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Louis E. Burnham
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
Ernest Delpit
Charles Gillman
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Luther P. Jackson
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
J. R. E. Lee
Benjamin E. Mays
T. James McNamara
Gerald P. O'Hara
Ira DeA. Reid
James L. Robb
G. D. Rogers
R. L. Russell
Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold L. Trigg
Forrester B. Washington
Miss Josephine Wilkins
P. B. Young
Emily H. Clay, Secretary

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected temporary Chairman.

2. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Nominations as read by Dr. Clement be adopted and that the officers be elected, as follows:

OFFICERS

President: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Vice Presidents:
P. B. Young
Homer P. Rainey
Carter Wesley
Executive Director:
Guy B. Johnson
Associate Executive Director:
Ira DeA. Reid
Secretary-Treasurer:
Emily H. Clay

Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Young to take the chair.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the membership of the Board of Directors be increased this year to not more than fifty, exclusive of the ex officio members.

The following were nominated from the floor for membership on the Board of Directors: J.R.E. Lee and Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the following be elected to the Board of Directors in addition to the forty elected at the meeting of the Council:

A. W. Dent
Lorimer D. Milton
George S. Mitchell
R. L. Russell
John H. Wheeler
Miss Florence Sytz
Charles Gillman
Ryland Knight
J. R. E. Lee
Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that Z.A. Looby be considered for membership on the Board of Directors in the event of the declination of any member elected at this meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that a committee composed of the President, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the two Executive Directors, and such others as seem desirable be appointed to set up an Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee, when finally constituted, be empowered to proceed with such further details of organization and program as may be found pending and necessary.

The following committee was appointed by Mr. Young:

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Gerald P. O'Hara
Rufus E. Clement
Gordon B. Hancock
P. B. Young, ex officio
Guy B. Johnson, ex officio
Ira DeA. Reid, ex officio

Mr. Carter Wesley was invited to sit in with the committee.

Miss Wilkins asked what provision had been made for electing a president in the event Bishop Moore is unable to serve.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be given authority to fill any vacancies which may occur among the officers on account of inability to accept election, from the President down.

Mr. Wesley asked whether it was understood that the Executive Directors had the authority to proceed to work with the state interracial committees. Dr. Reid replied that provision was made for this in the outlines for the Council's suggested program.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the outline as to structure and program which was presented by the Executive Directors at the meeting of the Council be adopted.

Dr. Forrester Washington expressed the hope that the Executive Directors would not become grooved in the field of race relations, but that they would include in their activities economic affairs, etc.

The Special Committee appointed to select the Executive Committee was asked to meet in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at 2 P. M.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, be authorized to edit the by-laws and eliminate any conflicts that may appear.

Dr. Guy Johnson asked that the Board consider the matter of membership dues.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the membership fee be a minimum of $1.00, and that there be other classes of membership to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Emily H. Clay

Secretary

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of Special Committee
Appointed to Select the Executive Committee

Atlanta, Georgia - February 17, 1944

The Special Committee appointed to select an Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Administration Building of Atlanta University at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 17, 1944. The following were present: Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, Gerald P. O'Hara, Rufus E. Clement, Gordon B. Hancock, P. B. Young, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, Carter Wesley, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

IT WAS VOTED that the following be elected to membership on the Executive Committee*:

Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Rufus E. Clement
Gordon B. Hancock
Leonard Haas
Charles S. Johnson
T. James McNamara
Miss Josephine Wilkins

The Committee gave instructions that the members of the Board of Directors be notified of the election of the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Emily H. Clay
Secretary

* The President and Vice presidents are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL HOLDS CHARTER MEMBERS MEETING

Commission on Interracial Cooperation Merges with New Organization

Atlanta, Georgia, February 17 - Concluding a two-day meeting at Atlanta University, the Southern Regional Council today began its corporate work as an agency for the improvement of economic, civic and racial conditions in the south. The merger of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation with the new Council concluded twenty-two years of work in the field of race relations by the well-known Southern Commission.

The Southern Regional Council established as a result of a series of conferences held since October, 1942, at Durham, North Carolina, Richmond, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia, will operate through five major commissions: the commission on race relations, the commission on economic affairs, the commission on community life and welfare, the commission on public affairs and the commission on cultural development. The work will be carried on through a permanent staff and with the assistance of approximately one hundred Fellows selected from the various southern states and volunteer local and regional groups. The various local interracial bodies may continue to operate through the Council's commission on race relations.

There will be individual and organization memberships in the Southern Regional Council. Persons living in the south and subscribing to the organization's programs are eligible for membership. Persons living outside of the area may become Associates of the Council. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are substantially similar to those of the Council may become Affiliates.

The initial purposes of the Council will be to perfect the southwide organization and to consider certain social, economic and public problems which have import for the war program and postwar adjustment. It also will direct considerable attention toward conserving and enlarging the scope of existing interracial groups.

Charter members elected a Board of Directors and approved the election of Dr. Guy B. Johnson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Dr. Ira Reid of Atlanta,

Georgia as director and associate director respectively.

Charter members attending the Atlanta meeting included: Virginia; Virginius Dabney, Gordon B. Hancock, Roscoe C. Mitchell, Luther P. Jackson, P. B. Young, John M. Gandy; Louisiana, Ernest Delpit, Grady Farley; Kentucky, Mrs. George Clement; Texas, Carter Wesley; Florida, J. R. E. Lee, Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Mrs. Henry Havens, G. M. Rogers; North Carolina, W. W. Alexander, H. L. McCrorey, N.C. Newbold, Mrs. Jesse D. Ames, Howard W. Odum, W. C. Jackson, Clark Foreman, Harold L. Trigg; Alabama, Louis E. Burnham, Robert A. Spicely, F. D. Patterson, V. E. Daniel, J. Max Bond, Asbury Howard, Carey E. Haigler, H. Councill Trenholm; South Carolina, Mrs. A. W. Thompkins, J. M. Payne, Mrs. G. W. Long, J. E. Blanton; Tennessee, James L. Robb, Mrs. Andrew Dale, R. B. Eleazer, William E. Cole, W. D. Weatherford, Mrs. R. E. Clay, Z. Alexander Looby, Giles A. Hubert, Charles S. Johnson, Bernie Hampton; Georgia, Guy B. Johnson, Smith L. Johnston, Ryland Knight, Mrs. A. H. Stern, Mrs. Audley Morton, Philip E. Shulhafer, Mrs. Harry M. Gershon, J. R. McCain, R. L. Russell, W. C. Henson, Josephine Wilkins, Florence M. Read, Mrs. R. L. Turman, Lucy R. Mason, R. L. Foreman, Jr., M. Ashby Jones, Julian L. Harris, Robert L. Cousins, Edward G. Mackay, Ralph McGill, F. B. Washington, Willis J. King. A. T. Walden, Rufus E. Clement, W. Y. Bell, Jr., James P. Brawley, Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Benjamin E. Mays, Pt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara, C. A. Scott, Horace M. Bond, The Most Rev. P. Gerald O'Hara, Ira Reid, Leonard Haas, Mrs. W. A. Turner, C. H. Gillman, Mary C. DeBardeleben, E. C. Peters, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Mildred R. Mell, Emily P. Clay, George C. Bellingrath.

2/18/44

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

(STATEMENT PREPARED BY DR. IRA REID)

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Also to Miss Pat Tucker of TIME, INC.

BY-LAWS OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

As adopted at the Charter Meeting, Atlanta, February 16-17, 1944.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND AREA

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members. The members of the corporation shall consist of the incorporators, charter members, and such other persons as may be elected to membership by the members or by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board. Members shall pay such dues as may be prescribed and may be dropped for non-payment of dues under such conditions as may be provided. The rights of any member in said corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, and his rights shall cease with his death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 2. Associates. Associates of the corporation shall consist of persons living outside the region who subscribe to the principles of the Council and who are elected by the Board of Directors, according to such rules and regulations as shall be provided by the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. The Corporation shall hold annually a meeting of its members for the election of directors and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock A. M. on the second Wednesday in October in each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business.

Section 4. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings of the members may be called by the President, Vice President, or any ten (10) directors or any twenty-five (25) members.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice of every annual or special meeting of the members shall be given to each member of record on the date for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting, by leaving the same with him or at his residence or usual place of business, or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to him at his address, as it appears upon the books of the corporation, at least ten (10) days before such meeting. Notice of every special meeting shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting and in general terms the business proposed to be transacted thereat. Failure to give notice of any annual meeting, or any irregularity in such notice, shall not affect the validity of any annual meeting, or of any proceedings at any such meeting. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of members that notice thereof shall have been given to any member who attends in person or by proxy, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of an adjourned meeting of members need be given.

Section 6. Quorum. At all meetings of members the presence, in person or by proxy, of not less than one-fourth of the entire membership, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but in the absence of a quorum the members present in person or by proxy at the time and place fixed by Section 3 of this Article II for an annual meeting, or fixed by the notice of a special meeting, or at the time and place of any adjournment thereof, by majority vote may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over sixty days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 7. Voting. Each member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure.

Section 8. Proxies. Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member or members who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the Secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS AND AFFILIATES.

Section 1. Fellows. The Board of Directors may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Board of Directors may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Board may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Fellows need not be members of the corporation at the time of their appointment, but they shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempted from the payment of dues.

Section 2. Affiliates. Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are, in whole or in substantial part, similar to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, become affiliates of the Council upon such conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Election and Powers. The business and property of the corporation, except as otherwise provided by statute, by the charter, or by these by-laws, shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors, whose actions shall be subject to revision and alteration at the next meeting of the members, provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. The President, the Vice Presidents, the Executive Director, and the Associate Executive Director shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors. All other members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at their annual meeting, and the directors who are elected at the first meeting of members after incorporation and such directors as may be added by the Board at its first meeting shall be divided by lot in such way that the terms of one-fourth shall expire at the second annual meeting of the Board of Directors, October, 1945, one-fourth at the third annual meeting, one-fourth at the fourth annual meeting, and the remainder at the fifth annual meeting. Each director elected at any subsequent meeting of the Board shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned, or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Section 9 of this Article IV. No elected director shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each. The number of the first Board of Directors shall not exceed forty (40), exclusive of ex officio members, but the number of directors may be increased at the first meeting of the Board or at any subsequent time by the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors as then constituted to not exceeding seventy two (72), exclusive of ex officio members, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article IV. The Board of Directors shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions.

Section 2. Regular Meetings. After each meeting of members of the corporation at which a Board of Directors shall have been elected, the Board of Directors so elected shall meet as soon as practicable for the transaction of business, at such time and place as may be designated by the members of the corporation at such meeting. No notice of such first meeting shall be necessary if held as hereinbefore provided.

Section 3. Additional Regular Meetings. In addition to the first regular meeting, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such dates as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Place of Meetings. Subject to the provision of Section 2 of this Article IV, the Board of Directors shall hold its regular and special meetings at such place or places within or without the State of Georgia as it may from time to time determine. In the absence of any such determination, such regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the main office of the corporation in Atlanta.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each director not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business, or, in the alternative, upon three days' notice, or by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Board of Directors that notice thereof shall have been given to any director who is present thereat, or if absent waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors need be given.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the Board of Directors; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, through death, resignation, or any cause other than removal by the members, the remaining directors may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the director whose place shall be vacant and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy created by an increase in the number of directors.

Section 9. Removal. At any meeting of the members called for the purpose any director may, by a majority of votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven (7) members in addition to the President and Vice President, who shall be ex officio members, selected from the membership of the Board in such way as the Board may determine. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Board of Directors. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as Chairman by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or otherwise, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Board of Directors; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors, and it shall also meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be constituted of such number as may be determined by the Board of Directors but not fewer than four (4) members, exclusive of ex officio members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to the coordination of its work with similar organizations operating outside of the Council area.

Section 4. Other Committees. The Board of Directors may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or by such committee or officer as the Board may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, an Executive Director, and Associate Executive Director, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director need not be members at the time of their election, but, by virtue of their office, shall become members of the corporation and of the Board with all the privileges of Board members, except that they may not be members of the Executive Committee of the Board. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not be members, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The executive officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of members, and each such officer shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year and until his successor shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article VI. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Directors, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The President of the corporation shall also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of members and of Board of Directors, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. First Vice President. At the request of the President, or in his absence, or disability, the first Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President; and when so acting shall have the powers of the President; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Additional Vice Presidents. Each additional Vice President, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible directly to the Board of Directors. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council; he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Associate Executive Director. The Associate Executive Director shall work in cooperation with the Executive Director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. At the request of the Executive Director, or in case of his absence, or disability, the Associate Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Executive Director, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors or the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all moneys or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Board of Directors; he shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Controller. The office of Controller may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 10. Counsel. The office of Counsel may be created by the Board of Directors, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 11. Assistant Officers. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Secretary, if any, and each Assistant Treasurer, if any, shall hold office for such period and shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 12. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors may elect such subordinate officers as it may deem desirable. Each such officer shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, authorize any officer to appoint and remove subordinate officers and prescribe the powers and duties thereof.

Section 13. Removal. Any officer or agent of the corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose, or by an officer upon whom such power of removal may have been conferred.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

Section 1. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the corporation, shall, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Executive Director or the Associate Executive Director.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Trust. The Board of Directors may, if by them deemed advisable, elect and establish a Board of Trustees, who need not be members of the corporation, with such powers and consisting of such number of members as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purpose of holding as trustee for the corporation the legal title to property or money donated to or otherwise acquired by the corporation, as an endowment fund, and of investing, reinvesting and otherwise meeting the requirements and conditions attached to such donations that have been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. Separate Boards of Trustees may be so established, for separate endowments, so that there may be a number of such boards if necessary or proper. Vacancies on such Boards shall be filled by the Board of Directors, or as provided in the trust where such provisions are included therein.

ARTICLE VIII. SUNDRY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The corporate seal of the corporation shall bear the name of the corporation and the words, "Incorporated 1944, Georgia."

Section 2. Bonds. The Board of Directors may bond any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties, with one or more sureties and in such amount as may be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Audit of Books. An audit of the books of the corporation shall be made at least annually by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Board of Directors or by some officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors to make such selection.

Section 4. Amendments. These by-laws, or any of them, may be altered or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted at any annual meeting of the members, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, by the vote of a majority of the members represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Atlanta, Georgia - March 22, 1944

The Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Atlanta University Administration Building at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 22, 1944. The following members attended: Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, and Miss Josephine Wilkins. Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, and Emily H. Clay from the Council's staff were also present.

Dr. Johnson reported that messages had been received from Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Dr. P. B. Young, Dr. H. P. Rainey, Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Dr. Howard W. Odum, and Mr. Carter Wesley expressing regret at their inability to be present.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected temporary chairman.

Mr. Bridges took the chair, after which the Committee discussed the selection of a permanent chairman.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Charles S. Johnson be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Emily H. Clay be elected secretary, ex officio.

The Committee recessed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P. M.

After discussion, it was suggested that the Committee meet once a month, or at least every two months, until the annual meeting in October. The fourth Wednesday in each month was tentatively agreed upon as the regular date until October.

Dr. Johnson reported that a small committee had called on Bishop Moore to urge him to accept election to the presidency, but that the bishop felt that recent additions to his heavy church responsibilities would make it impossible for him to do justice to the office. He, therefore, regretfully declined the presidency.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Howard W. Odum be asked to serve as president of the Council, at least until the annual meeting in October.

At the request of the Committee, Dr. Guy B. Johnson called Dr. Odum in Chapel Hill and received his consent to accept the presidency until the October meeting.

The election of additional members was discussed, but Mr. Leonard Haas called attention to the fact that only the members and the Board of Directors have the power to elect members of the Council.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the voting membership shall be open to those who subscribe to the purpose of the Council, as stated in the Charter, and who pay annual dues of $1.00 or more.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that two other membership categories in addition to regular members be provided: Associates and Contributors, the Associates to be composed of people living outside the region who will subscribe to the statement, but who will not have the privilege of voting; Contributors, composed of people either within or without the region who will contribute to the Council, but who need not sign the statement and shall not have the privilege of voting.

Dr. Johnson reported that Mr. T. Wilson Wilmer, of Richmond, Virginia, who was elected to membership on the Council and the Board at the charter meeting, replied that he would be glad to become a member of the Council but regretted that he would not be able to serve on the Board.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee recommend to the Board the election of Bishop Arthur J. Moore to fill this vacancy in the Board of Directors.

Dr. Johnson called attention to the fact that Dr. Odum's election to the presidency had created another vacancy in the Board, since he would become a member ex officio. The Executive Directors were asked to bring recommendations to the next meeting of the Committee.

The relationship between the Council and existing state interracial groups within the region was discussed and, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that further consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that the Executive Directors be asked to make a report at that time on the number of such committees; the size of each committee, if possible; what the relationship to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation has been; and to make a definite recommendation as to the relationship between the state groups and the Council.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that copies of the budget be sent to the Executive Committee, with administrative comments, and that the budget be approved finally at the next meeting of the Committee.

Dr. Johnson stated that additional personnel is needed as quickly as possible, especially someone for editorial and public relations work and someone to do field work.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the two Executive Directors be empowered to employ necessary personnel, subject to the limitations of the budget.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Marvin Cox Associates had sought to enter into a contract with the Council for public relations work. It was the consensus, however, that the Council should not enter into commercial contract at this time.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the question of publication of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, its size, format, etc., be left to the discretion of the two Executive Directors.

At the request of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Reid, and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

12. IT WAS VOTED that a Committee on Publications be set up to advise with the two Executive Directors relative to THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, pamphlets, and any other publications which the two Directors may recommend.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

13. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors be polled and that each member be asked to name not less than three persons residing outside the area of the Southern Regional Council whom they would like to have become members of the National Advisory Committee.

Dr. Johnson reported that Bishop Moore had suggested that the Council might find it advisable to rent quarters in the Wesley Memorial Church Building, which is now being remodeled.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

14. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors be instructed to look into the situation and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

15. Following provision of the by-laws and instructions from the Board of Directors, lots were cast and the terms of members of the Board of Directors were arranged as follows:

To expire in October 1945: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Rufus E. Clement, Ernest Delpit, Leonard Haas, J. R. E. Lee, E. A. McDowell, L. D. Milton, George S. Mitchell, F. D. Patterson, John Garland Pollard, Jr., G. D. Rogers, F. B. Washington.

To expire in October 1946: Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, H. M. Bond, Louis E. Burnham, Wm. E. Cole, Luther P. Jackson, Louis I. Jaffe, Howard W. Odum, Gerald P. O'Hara, Raymond R. Paty, Philip Shulhafer, Harold L. Trigg, Goodrich C. White, Josephine Wilkins.

To expire in October 1947: Wilson M. Brown, A. W. Dent, Clark Foreman, C. H. Gillman, Mrs. Henry Havens, R. B. Herbert, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Vacancy, John H. Wheeler, F. C. Willcoxon.

To expire in October 1948: Will W. Alexander, Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Virginius Dabney, Charles S. Johnson, Ryland Knight, Benjamin E. Mays, Edmund H. Preston, James L. Robb, R. L. Russell, Edgar B. Stern, J. B. Stuart, Miss Florence Sytz, Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

Dr. Johnson asked that the Committee suggest a sub-title for the Southern Regional Council, to be used on the letterhead and in publications, in explanation of the purpose of the organization.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

16. IT WAS VOTED that the following statement from the Charter be adopted as a sub-title: "A council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South."

17. It was the sense of the Committee that the two Executive Directors should prepare a brief statement of policy, to be sent to members of the Executive Committee for comments and suggestions and later submitted to the full Board of Directors for final approval.

18. Dr. Johnson called attention to two articles, one by J. Saunders Redding and the other by Lillian Smith, in the spring issue of the magazine COMMON GROUND, severely criticizing the Southern Regional Council. He asked whether the Committee would approve of his writing a reply to these articles. It was the sense of the Committee that Dr. Johnson should prepare such an article for the summer issue of COMMON GROUND.

After tentatively approving April 26 as the date for its next meeting, the Committee adjourned.

Emily H. Clay

Secretary

GUY B. JOHNSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IRA DEA. REID
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOWARD W. ODUM, PRESIDENT
P. B. YOUNG, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
HOMER P. RAINEY, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
CARTER WESLEY, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EMILY H. CLAY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, Inc.

710 STANDARD BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

April 20, 1944

TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

I am sending you herewith the following materials: (1) minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, February 17; (2) minutes of the meeting of the special committee appointed to select the Executive Committee, February 17; (3) minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, March 22; (4) copy of the charter; (5) copy of the by-laws. These materials should be useful to you in preparation for the meeting of the Board of Directors which will be held at 2:00 P. M. on Friday, April 28, in the Men's Lounge of the Atlanta University Dormitory, 50 Chestnut Street, S.W., instead of in the Exhibition Room of the Library Building as originally planned. The Executive Committee of the Board will meet on Friday at 9:30 A. M. at the Council headquarters, 710 Standard Building.

The Executive Committee will consider a number of things and will try to bring definite recommendations to the Board on the following matters in particular:

(1) Members: a resolution setting up the machinery for receiving new members. Since members can be elected only by the members or by the Board, it is necessary to authorize the executives or a committee to receive nominations and to invite persons to membership subject to confirmation at the annual meeting of the Council.
(2) Associates: a resolution defining their status, dues, etc.
(3) Fellows: nomination and election of fellows in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.
(4) Affiliates: The by-laws permit affiliation by organizations, but this is a matter which has to be worked out carefully because it involves questions of legal relationship and voting rights.
(5) National Advisory Committee: Please note that the Executive Committee has requested each Board member to nominate three or more persons residing outside the Council area.
(6) Budget: formal approval of budget as submitted by the Executive Directors.
(7) Public statements: Does the Board wish to formulate or authorize the Executive Directors to formulate public statements of a constructive nature on such current issues as the white primary, poll tax, etc.?

There are various other items of a routine nature which should be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws. It is very important that all these matters have the thoughtful attention of the members of the Board.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

Guy B. Johnson

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

December 15, 1944

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Thank you very much for sending me the Resolutions which were introduced by you at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council. We are glad to have these for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

LAW OFFICES
HAAS, LYONS & HURT
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LEONARD HAAS
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CHARLES D. HURT
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December 13, 1944.

Miss Emily H. Clay,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Miss Clay:

I beg to hand you herewith for your records copies of each of the Resolutions which I introduced at the last meeting of the membership of the Southern Regional Council.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Haas

LEONARD HAAS.

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The Board of Directors shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than seven members in addition to the President and the three Vice-Presidents; the Executive Director and the Associate Executive Director shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote.

Passed
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MOTION

That the BY-Laws be amended by striking ARTICLE IV, Section 2, which reads:

After each meeting of members of the corporation at which a Board of Directors shall have been elected, the Board of Directors so elected shall meet as soon as practicable for the transaction of business, at such time and place as may be designated by the members of the corporation at such meeting. No notice of such first meeting shall be necessary if held as herein-before provided.

and by substituting therefor the following:

The Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to each meeting of the members of the corporation and again following such meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as may be designated by the President.

Legal racial segregation exists in the South.

We recognize this fact. We shall center our efforts on gaining equal facilities, as provided by law, and equal opportunities for all people of the South.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report of The Executive Directors

1944

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I. PREFACE

The first year is the hardest—we hope! In the nine and one-half months which have elapsed since our Charter Meeting last February, we have faced more than the usual run of difficulties which a new organization has to face, but in spite of the difficulties, we feel that we have made a good start. As a preface to this report it might be well to review the conditions under which the SRC began to operate.

First, we began without a definitely charted course. It is now quite clear to your executive directors that a longer time might well have been spent in planning and in locating additional personnel before the Council was launched.

Second, we took over the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with a number of going activities which needed to be carried on without a break. These activities were a tremendous asset to the Council, but, with our limited executive and secretarial staff we were hard put to carry on the vital old work and still find time and energy to plan and execute the new work.

Third, the passing of the Commission was not without certain personal wounds and a degree of misgiving on the part of some of the state and local interracial committees as to the relation of the Council to them. This has in some measure complicated our problem of establishing working relationships with these committees.

Fourth, we began operation on a budget which would not allow very much expansion of personnel or program. True, we have come out with a fair-sized balance, but the employment of one more staff member and one additional secretary would have absorbed this balance.

Fifth, we were under attack from the North and from certain Southerners on the ground that the whole idea of a regional council was diabolical. These attacks we ignored for the most part, but they were annoying, and on several occasions it seemed wise to take time out to try to combat misrepresentations and factual errors.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The Staff We began operations with the present Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, and Secretary-Treasurer. From June 1 to November 1 we had the services of Miss Margaret L. Fisher, who was formerly with the Atlanta Regional Office of the War Manpower Commission. During this period, Miss Fisher rendered valuable service as Director of Public Relations. Miss Fisher resigned as of November 1 and is now working with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The problem of obtaining suitable personnel within the limits of our budget has been one of our special headaches. We need not remind you that under present conditions, it is difficult to find competent young people who are available for employment. We know three or four young men who have made a good start in journalism and any one of whom we would gladly take as our publicity and editorial secretary, but these young men have all gone to war. We have spent a good deal of time seeking out new personnel and investigating their qualifications. In some cases, these persons have not had quite the qualifications which we wanted, and in other cases, they have not been available for work with the Council.

On account of these obstacles, we have had to operate for most of the time with the staff with which we began. Miss Clay has cheerfully and ably carried on a tremendous burden on the secretarial and financial side of the Council, in addition to handling a great amount of the office calls and requests for literature and information. We are rapidly approaching the point where it is necessary to have an assistant secretary.

Beginning in February, our secretarial staff consisted of two typists, Miss Evelyn Kerby and Miss Grace Johnson. Miss Johnson gave up her position in August. Our staff has been augmented by the addition of Miss Jane Martin on April 1, Mrs. Philip Clayton Jay on September 13, and Mrs. Ruth Alexander who, since April 10, has divided her time between Atlanta University and the Council. These young women have borne the brunt of the office work through these trying months. They have frequently insisted upon working overtime and on holidays in order to help us through the piles of correspondence that inevitably accumulate. If it had not been for their loyalty, patience,

and good nature, we would have felt like throwing in the sponge.

The minimum staff with which we could do anything resembling effective work on our program would involve the addition of the following personnel at the earliest possible moment: (1) a publicity relations secretary; two field secretaries, one Negro and one white; (3) a financial secretary who can devote his time to the enlistment of financial support for the Council within the South, perhaps combining this with a certain amount of organizational work; and (4) an information or education secretary who can take care of the very numerous requests for information and educational materials which have been coming to us. On our present budget, we could not employ more than two of these very essential assistants.

Finances From the report of the Treasurer you will see that up to December 1, we spent $29,777.00. At this rate of expenditure, the first full year of operation will cost about $34,000.00. We have a balance of $4,639.00, though we are not particularly proud of it, since it means that we have not employed as much personnel as we had anticipated.

Many organizations which confine their activities to one state have budgets larger than ours, and we are committed to work on a broad program in 13 states! The Commission on Interracial Cooperation spent from $60,000.00 to $80,000.00 annually in its first few years. A budget of $35,000.00 a year is all right for an exploratory and planning year, but if this Council is really going to serve the South, it *must* have a much broader financial base.

Quarters The Commission's quarters which the Council took over at 710 Standard Building were very small. We knew at once that we should have to find more space if our staff and activities were to expand at all, but there was no chance for additional space at that location. As you can imagine, office space is at quite a premium in Atlanta, and this problem gave us a great deal of worry. We were fortunate in finding a solution. Through the kindness of Bishop Arthur J. Moore, we secured space on the fourth floor of the Wesley Memorial Building.

The cost of partitioning, painting, glass, floor covering, light fixtures, etc., plus the expense of moving, was approximately $2000, but we have twice our previous floor space,

and the saving in rent over a period of three years will offset the initial cost.

Membership The number of persons who have accepted charter membership in the Council is 286. The Board of Directors, at its first meeting, February 16, made no provision for the acceptance of additional members, and we were without authority to bring in new members until after the Board meeting of April 28, when a Membership Committee was established and a machinery was provided for the admission of new members. Although we have not had the facilities for putting on a sustained membership campaign, the membership has grown to 426. We believe that an intensive campaign could add from two to three thousand members during the next twelve months if the Council wishes to admit that many voting members.

The present dues of $1.00 a year are barely sufficient to pay the cost of carrying a member and providing him with Council literature. The Council should carefully consider the question of the extent to which dues should be depended upon for income. Should they be raised, or should they remain at $1.00? So far, about one-third of our members have made voluntary contributions beyond their dues, ranging from $1.00 to $25.00. The average of dues and contributions is $2.50 per member. There are, however, 34 charter members who have neglected to pay their dues.

We regret to report the resignations of Dr. Ellis Fuller of Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Ashby Jones of Atlanta. The Council has suffered loss in the deaths of Dr. J. R. E. Lee of Florida, Bishop Theodore D. Bratton of Mississippi, Dr. J. S. Clark of Louisiana, and Dr. Mary E. Branch of Texas.

Board of Directors The Board of Directors met briefly immediately after the charter meeting of February 16. The Board elected officers and executive staff, provided for the election of the Executive Committee, elected 10 additional Directors, and gave general approval of the program as suggested by the Executive Director. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who was elected President of the Council declined the office because he felt that his other duties were too heavy to permit him to do justice to it. The Executive Committee prevailed upon Dr. Howard W. Odum to accept the Presidency and he was elected at a meeting of the Executive Committee on March 22.

The Board of Directors was called for a special meeting on April 28. Among other actions the Board elected twelve Directors, all of whom accepted election except Archbiship Robert Emmett Lucey of San Antonio, who declined on account of travel distance and the pressure of other duties, and Miss Lillian Smith of Clayton, Georgia, who declined on account of disagreement with the policies of the Council. Miss Smith set forth her reasons for declining at considerable length in a letter to the Executive Director and sent copies of the letter to members of the Board as well as to a number of other persons throughout the country. Several of our Board members took occasion to write Miss Smith and were kind enough to send us copies of their letters. Although we regret that there was any controversy with Miss Smith, we feel that the exchange of letters, taken along with the earlier discussion in *Common Ground*, has been helpful in creating a better understanding of the purposes and strategy of the Council. As matters now stand, Miss Smith simply does not wish to be a member of the Council, but she has kindly expressed a willingness to cooperate with us in other ways.

The Board of Directors now has 58 elected members and 6 ex-officio members, making a total of 64. This is a large Board. Since the Council pays the expenses of Board members when they attend meetings, and since it is imperative that the Board hold at least one additional regular meeting each year, the expenses of the Board can become a considerable drain upon the financial resources of the Council. We might do well to consider whether the size of the Board might not be reduced without harm to its effective functioning.

Standing Committees At the meeting on April 28 the Board of Directors authorized the appointment of five standing committees, namely, Membership, Finance, Public Relations, Publications, Publications, and Fellows. These committees have been appointed and are at work. Three of them have met twice, and two of them once.

National Advisory Committee The By-Laws provide that the Board may create a National Advisory Committee whose function would be the coordination of our work with the work of similar organizations outside of the South. On account of the formation of the

American Council on Race Relations, we have postponed definite action on the National Advisory Committee. Since the American Council on Race Relations is to serve as a clearing house and coordinating agency for race relations activities, particularly in the North and West, it seems to us that the appointment of a small liaison committee to keep in touch with the American Council would serve the purpose intended for the National Advisory Committee, and we are so recommending to the Board of Directors.

III. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As instructed by the charter meeting, we have confined our activity almost entirely to the field of race relations. This, of course, is not a small field, because practically all of the problems with which this Council hopes to deal come back sooner or later to the problem of human relations. Let us now examine briefly the major activities of the Executive Staff since the formation of the Council.

Work With State And Local Inter-Racial Committees

Since the Commission on Interracial Cooperation had sponsored the formation of a large number of state and local interracial committees and had maintained a close working relationship with them it seemed imperative that we continue that relationship and use these committees as much as possible for the promotion of action programs on a state and local basis. As we have already pointed out, our relations with these committees have been complicated by a number of factors. Our limited financial resources have made it impossible to extend subsidies to the state committees which were accustomed to receiving a certain amount of financial aid from the Commission, and our limited staff has made it impossible to provide frequent personal contacts or field services.

However, we have kept in touch with the ten existing state organizations and have met with the Executive Committees or general meetings of the following: Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.

We have met with local committees at Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Montgomery, and Richmond, and we have, through correspondence, advised and assisted a number of old committees or committees in the process of formation. In our contacts with state and local interracial committees we have urged them to emphasize the following

problems in their program activities: post-war planning for the welfare of *all* citizens; employment opportunities for Negroes after the war; fair standards and wages in household employment; the relation of the police to race tensions; and fair play at the ballot box.

Everywhere we find that the interracial committees are conscious of a need for action but many of them are uncertain as to what to do and how to do it. We are keenly aware of the needs and potentialities of these committees and we are impatient to reach the point where we can offer them effective field services.

The problem of the structural and functional relation of the Council to the state interracial committees is not an easy one to work out, because it involves the whole question of whether these state committees are to be the main channels for promoting the program of the Council on the State level. Not all of the members of state committees are members of the Council and not all members of the Council are members of a state committee. Thus we have the question of whether we should attempt to organize all Council members in a given state into a state division of the Council and what effect such a course would have upon the interracial committee in that state. We are prepared to propose two plans. In Plan I the State interracial group would dissolve as an entity and merge with a state division of the Council consisting of all members of the Council living in a particular state. In Plan II the state interracial group would become an affiliate or cooperating organization in a somewhat informal sense. It may be, of course, that you will think it wise to organize state divisions of the Council regardless of our relation to the state interracial committees. This question deserves the earnest attention of the Council and the Board of Directors.

Cooperation With Other Agencies We have striven to build up mutually helpful relationships with a large number of other agencies in addition to the interracial committees already cited. It is impossible to present details here, but a few illustrations are in order.

1. *March of Time.* When March of Time was filming the picture *Americans All,* its photographers spent three weeks in Atlanta. We helped them plan their work, helped to get locations and participants for the scenes, and staged some scenes portraying Council activities. *Americans All* was designed to combat racial intolerance. It has been shown

widely in the North and West, but we are sorry to say that as far as we know it has not been shown by any commercial movie theatre in the South. However, we are securing a copy of the film in the 16mm. size, so that we can make use of it in private showings.

2. *Boy Scouts of America.* We have cooperated with the Region Six office of the Boy Scouts of America by writing a large number of letters to influential people in the Southeast in behalf of greater opportunities for Negro boys to participate in Scouting. We shall probably collaborate with the Region Six office in the production of a pamphlet on this subject.

3. *Committee on Southern Regional Studies and Education.* This Committee is doing some significant work in the channeling of research material on Southern resources into education. We helped the Committee with a conference which resulted in the participation of Negro educators in this work.

4. *Fisk University.* We have worked in cooperation with the Department of Social Science and the *Monthly Summary of Events and Trends in Race Relations,* which is published by the Social Science Institute and the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Your Associate Director contributes a section to the *Monthly Summary* entitled "The Front Page," which is a review of news and opinion in the Negro weekly press.

5. *Kentucky Commission on Negro Affairs.* The Governor of Kentucky has appointed a Commission to study the needs and make recommendations concerning Negroes in Kentucky. The Council has been invited to advise the Commission. Your Executive Director will go to Kentucky next week to confer with the members of the Commission.

Participation In Conferences There have been many more invitations to speak and take part in conferences and meetings than your executive directors could possibly accept. We have given our time, especially to state wide or regional meetings, when the occasions presented opportunities for us to acquaint others with the aims of the Council or to enlist the cooperation of other groups. We have had a direct part in the planning of several of these conferences. In the conference on "Demobilization Challenges the Church," which brought together representatives of various social and religious agencies from three

states, we had responsibility for the findings and we published the report of the conference.

Exhibits On an experimental basis we have used two exhibits in Atlanta, designed to promote racial tolerance. One of these is known as "The Races of Mankind" exhibit and was prepared by the Cranbrook Institute of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. It has been shown in Atlanta at Atlanta University, Glenn Memorial Church and the Central Y. W. C. A., and has been seen by approximately 2500 people. It is a splendid exhibit showing the meaning of race and the contributions of various races and cultural groups to science, art, and philosophy, but it is rather bulky and expensive to transport, so that its usefulness is limited to museums, libraries and other institutions which can afford to pay fifty dollars or more for transportation and handling.

The other exhibit is a photographic display on "The Negro in American Life" which we have purchased from the Council Against Intolerance in America. It has been used by several groups and has met with a very favorable response. It is easy to transport and is available for loan to any committee or organization which wishes to use it.

Publications As you know, we have continued the publication of *The Southern Frontier* as the official monthly organ of the Council. On account of the multitude of activities demanding attention and on account of delays at the print shop, the *Frontier* has not always reached you on time. We are not satisfied with it, but, judging from the numerous expressions of interest and commendation, we think that it is doing pretty well.

As for pamphlets we have brought up to date and reprinted "America's Tenth Man," which is by far the most popular pamphlet originated by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. We have also published "Southern Regional Council Pamphlet No. 1, entitled "The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Purpose," to take care of the numerous requests for information about the Council. We have continued to distribute such pamphlets of the Commission as seemed useful particularly "Understanding Our Neighbors," "Repairers of the Breach," "How Shall We Organize," "What About It," and "Singers in the Dawn." We had planned to issue a Council pamphlet based upon the two-volume work by Gunnar Myrdal entitled *An*

American Dilemma, but the Public Affairs Committee issued such an excellent pamphlet on this subject that we decided to use it instead. We purchased several thousand copies of their pamphlet "The Negro In America."

Several reprinted items have been very widely used. For example, we have distributed about 6500 copies of "I Never Knowed," an episode which was written up by Miss Fisher; 3000 copies of "The White Primary" leaflets; 3000 copies of an *Atlanta Constitution* article by Celestine Sibley entitled "Negroes Train for Citizenship"; and 1000 copies of "Southern Offensive," an article prepared by your Executive Director for publication in *Common Ground* in reply to criticisms of the Council by Mr. J. Saunders Redding, and Miss Lillian Smith.

One of our greatest needs at present is a manual which will serve as a guide for the organization and work of interracial committees. Persons whom we had counted on for assistance in the production of this manual have been unable to help us. We are making what progress we can in the staff toward the preparation of this manual.

The Committee on Publications has under consideration three manuscripts which have been submitted to us for publication. The first of these is a handbook for teachers which would integrate factual material about the Negro into all phases of the school curriculum. The second is a reader entitled "The Good That Is With Us" and is made up of a series of success stories showing the possibilities of interracial cooperation. The third is an autobiographical document showing the reaction of a Negro to segregation and discrimination. We shall publish one or more of these manuscripts.

In the production of new publications we want to follow the policy of seeking the cooperation of specialists in the universities and elsewhere who can prepare authoritative pamphlets which will command the respect of the public. The list of pamphlets which we should like to publish includes such subjects as The Southern People, Politics and Good Government, The Poll Tax, The Police and Race Relations, The Equalization of Educational Opportunities, Full Employment, Fair Practices in Domestic Service, Freight Rates, Small Loans, Southern Slums, and The Church and Race Relations. We have negotiated with certain experts for assistance in the writing of some of these pamphlets.

The employment of an expert in publicity and editorial work will greatly improve the quantity and quality of our publications. We shall be able to keep you better informed through *The Southern Frontier* and the mimeographed bulletin for members, and we shall be able to maintain a regular news service which will publicize the Council and its activities in a more effective way.

Honorary Fellows The By-Laws provided for the appointment of Honorary Fellows of the Council. These were to be Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for leadership and who are willing to serve the Council as observers, correspondents, advisers, etc. The Committee on Fellows which was appointed to select Fellows and supervise their activities, selected 32 Fellows. These have recently been notified of their appointment and have been sent a Memorandum outlining the ways in which they can help the Council. To date, 21 have accepted appointment. Their expressions of enthusiasm and eagerness, in their letters of acceptance, are an inspiration to us.

Here are some of the ways in which the Fellows have promised to contribute: regular reports on local situations, special investigations, public opinion surveys, newspaper clippings, finding new members or supporters for SRC, work with local committees, personal "educational" work, writing for *Southern Frontier*, preparing radio scripts, making speeches, and advising upon the Council's program. We believe that 100 Fellows of this type, with constant guidance and encouragement, can constitute a powerful force for social progress. Needless to say, the Fellow program will eventually consume most of the time of one staff member, but it will be time well spent.

The White Primary The Supreme Court decision in the Texas primary case last April produced a political crisis in the South. Most of the Democratic primaries were held soon after the decision, and it was a foregone conclusion that they would not follow the spirit of the Supreme Court's decision.

The Board of Directors of the Council at the special meeting of April 28, passed a resolution calling for the observance of the decision. This resolution was widely publicized in the press, the *Southern Frontier*, and leaflets, and it was very helpful in our efforts to exert constructive influence. The Georgia primary was not held until July 4, and

it was apparent to us that considerable tension was arising over the prospect of Negroes trying to take part in the primary.

When the State Democratic Executive Committee announced that the primary would be for white people only, we took a public stand in opposition to such a policy. When it was apparent that the Democratic Committee was standing by its decision and that Negroes were going to make only token efforts to vote, we turned our attention to the prevention of race friction in Atlanta on July 4. The techniques were: interviews with the mayor, chief of police, Negro leaders, and other persons; letters from local members to public officials and to the press; and the organization of poll-watchers. It is always difficult to evaluate the influence of such efforts, but we are convinced that they had something to do with the fact that the July 4 primary went by without a single interracial "incident."

The story of the "white primary" situation, as shown in the newspapers since the Supreme Court decision, has been summarized by Miss Fisher. This interesting report will be placed in your hands at this meeting.

We are reliably informed that the U. S. Department of Justice will probably not issue a formal statement on the applicability of the Supreme Couprt decision to various states, that it *may* institute criminal proceedings against election officials in certain places if it can get good cases, and that it has had very few complaints (only 13, in fact) from Negroes in the South concerning their treatment in the primaries of this year.

Since the legal question of the applicability of the Texas case should be cleared up as soon as possible, we suggest that, if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People does not promote a case soon, the Council should sponsor a test case, preferably in Georgia.

The "white primary" issue is something which must receive a great deal of our attention during the coming year. It seems to us that the members of this Council must do their utmost to get constructive action taken in their respective states. Without your full support, our own efforts may be almost fruitless.

Southern Slum Study We have cooperated with the Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina in laying out a comprehensive project for research and action on the subject of

slums in the South. The project would involve considerable financial outlay, and the Institute is placing it before one of the philanthropic foundations for consideration. If it received financial backing, the Council's function will be to publicize the research, dramatize the findings, and promote action. This is an excellent example of the sort of cooperative relationship which the Council can establish with research agencies in the South.

Miscellaneous Unless you spent a day or two at Council headquarters, you would have no idea of the number and variety of activities calling for our attention. The bundles of letters, the steady stream of visitors from far and near, the requests for advice and for all sorts of information—these are all a part of the day's work. We are making gradual progress in "streamlining" office functions and we are training two of our secretaries to take care of more and more of the correspondence in behalf of the Executives, but frequently there has been no solution but to put in a twelve-hour day and a seven-day week.

IV. LOOKING AHEAD

We now offer some suggestions and recommendations on the program for the coming year. Assuming that our personnel situation will be much improved within the next thirty to sixty days, we shall proceed to strengthen the program as follows:

1. We shall improve our publicity and public relations services and shall publish four or more of the proposed pamphlets during the year.

2. We shall promote a membership and financial campaign.

3. We shall strengthen our relationship to the state and local interracial groups, make definite agreements as to affiliation, and improve our services to these groups. One important service will be a planning and strategy conference for the leaders of the interracial committee.

4. We shall increase our efforts toward effective education and action on the problems to which we are already committed, namely, Race Relations, the Police and Public Safety, Household Service, Suffrage Reform, and Social Legislation.

We believe that the following procedures will be helpful in promoting the program of the Council, and we ask that

you authorize all of them, or as many of them as may seem wise to you:

1. *The Organization of State Divisions of the Council.* As soon as there are one hundred members of the Council in a given state, let them organize as a nucleus for action on the state level. The by-laws and policies of such divisions would, of course, have to be in harmony with those of the Council.

2. *A Series of South-wide Conferences.* Within the limits of the budget and with the advice of the Executive Committee, we should like to sponsor several important annual conferences. One would be a conference for the leaders of the state and local interracial committees. Another would be a closed strategy conference of the leaders of the major agencies working on problems of the South within the framework of the Council's interests. The theme of the first conference of this sort might well be "The Post-war South." Still another would be a conference of religious leaders in programs of social action, with particular emphasis, perhaps, on the women's divisions of the various church bodies.

3. *A Series of State-wide Race Relations Institutes or Forums.* Each of these would run from three to five days and would attempt to reach a better cross-section of the public than is usually reached by such meetings. The Department of Race Relations of the American Missionary Association is preparing to promote a series of institutes and has asked the Council to share in their planning and sponsorship.

4. *Special Visiting Committee.* We suggest that the officers of the Council, or such other group as the Executive Committee might choose, be delegated to seek private conferences with as many Southern governors as possible in the next three months. Their discussions should not be confined to race relations, but should include the main problems of social and economic welfare in the South.

5. *Civil Rights Committees.* From time to time there arise cases which the SRC might well handle for the protection of the civil rights of citizens in the region. The central staff cannot undertake to investigate personally all such cases. Therefore we should like to proceed to the establishment of Civil Rights Committees in all our thirteen states. Each committee would be composed of five Council members and a legal advisor who may or may not be a

member of the Council. The duty of the Committees would be to advise the Executive Directors as to what action the Council should take in cases involving civil rights.

6. *Youth Work.* This Council must not neglect the interests, the talents, and the needs of young people. We recommend that steps be taken either to permit youth direct participation in the Council or to sponsor some sort of auxiliary or correlated youth division of the Council.

7. *Study of Police Systems.* One of the most urgent needs in the South is reform of police training and administration. Along with its program of promoting improvement wherever it can, the Council might well undertake to sponsor a comprehensive study of the Southern police in cooperation with one or more universities. We have reason to believe that financial support will not be hard to get.

An approach of this sort would permit the Council to embark on a program which would not necessarily be tied in with the race question, yet would permit the treatment and analysis of a problem that is closely allied with race tensions. And who knows but that such an over-all approach might be the quickest and surest way of getting at the racial discriminations which are perpetuated under the name of law enforcement?

8. *Study of Segregation and Discrimination.* We propose that a similar comprehensive study be carried on throughout the South in the field of legal discrimination and segregation. It is proposed that ameliorative action be based upon a study of the facts as to the human and economic costs of segregation and discrimination. Such a study should provide useful material for molding public opinion on the question of equal opportunity.

9. *Primary Test Case.* We recommend that the Council proceed with a legal test of the applicability of the Supreme Court decision in *Smith vs. Allwright* in the state of Georgia if it appears that no such case is already under way.

10. *Public Statements.* These annual meetings of the Council should make good "news," in the best sense of the work. Through public statement the Council can interpret its policy and strengthen the morale of liberal thinkers throughout the South. We suggest, therefore, that the Council might wish to declare itself on several issues, namely:

(a) The obligation of the South to consider the welfare of all citizens in its postwar plans.

(b) The necessity for constructive action on the right of suffrage.

(c) The importance of enlightened police administration.

(d) The obligation of the South to accent the "equal" in the "separate-and-equal" laws.

(e) A plea for academic freedom and democratic control of our universities, and a condemnation of action of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas who recently ousted President Homer P. Rainey.

IRA DEA. REID
Associate Executive Director

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

Atlanta, Georgia

December 6, 1944

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Atlanta, Georgia - February 17, 1944

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library at 12 o'clock noon Thursday, February 17, 1944, with the following present:

Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Horace M. Bond
Francis R. Bridges, Jr.
Louis E. Burnham
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
Ernest Delpit
Charles Gillman
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Luther P. Jackson
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
J. R. E. Lee
Benjamin E. Mays
T. James McNamara
Gerald P. O'Hara
Ira DeA. Reid
James L. Robb
G. D. Rogers
R. L. Russell
Philip Shulhafer
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold L. Trigg
Forrester B. Washington
Miss Josephine Wilkins
P. B. Young
Emily H. Clay, Secretary

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Francis R. Bridges, Jr., be elected temporary Chairman.

2. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Nominations as read by Dr. Clement be adopted and that the officers be elected, as follows:

OFFICERS

President: Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Vice Presidents:
P. B. Young
Homer P. Rainey
Carter Wesley
Executive Director:
Guy B. Johnson
Associate Executive Director:
Ira DeA. Reid
Secretary-Treasurer:
Emily H. Clay

Mr. Bridges asked Mr. Young to take the chair.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the membership of the Board of Directors be increased this year to not more than fifty, exclusive of the ex officio members.

The following were nominated from the floor for membership on the Board of Directors: J.R.E. Lee and Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the following be elected to the Board of Directors in addition to the forty elected at the meeting of the Council:

A. W. Dent
Lorimer D. Milton
George S. Mitchell
R. L. Russell
John H. Wheeler
Miss Florence Sytz
Charles Gillman
Ryland Knight
J. R. E. Lee
Clark Foreman

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that Z.A. Looby be considered for membership on the Board of Directors in the event of the declination of any member elected at this meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

6. IT WAS VOTED that a committee composed of the President, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the two Executive Directors, and such others as seem desirable be appointed to set up an Executive Committee.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee, when finally constituted, be empowered to proceed with such further details of organization and program as may be found pending and necessary.

The following committee was appointed by Mr. Young:

Charles S. Johnson, Chairman
Gerald P. O'Hara
Rufus E. Clement
Gordon B. Hancock
P. B. Young, ex officio
Guy B. Johnson, ex officio
Ira DeA. Reid, ex officio

Mr. Carter Wesley was invited to sit in with the committee.

Miss Wilkins asked what provision had been made for electing a president in the event Bishop Moore is unable to serve.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee be given authority to fill any vacancies which may occur among the officers on account of inability to accept election, from the President down.

Mr. Wesley asked whether it was understood that the Executive Directors had the authority to proceed to work with the state interracial committees. Dr. Reid replied that provision was made for this in the outlines for the Council's suggested program.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

9. IT WAS VOTED that the outline as to structure and program which was presented by the Executive Directors at the meeting of the Council be adopted.

Dr. Forrester Washington expressed the hope that the Executive Directors would not become grooved in the field of race relations, but that they would include in their activities economic affairs, etc.

The Special Committee appointed to select the Executive Committee was asked to meet in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at 2 P. M.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, be authorized to edit the by-laws and eliminate any conflicts that may appear.

Dr. Guy Johnson asked that the Board consider the matter of membership dues.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded-

11. IT WAS VOTED that the membership fee be a minimum of $1.00, and that there be other classes of membership to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Emily H. Clay

Secretary

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Dr. P. B. Young, Vice Chairman, at 10:30 A. M. January 31, 1945, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library, Atlanta, Georgia. The following members were present:

Howard W. Odum, Chairman

Will W. Alexander
Mrs. Jessie D. Ames
Horace M. Bond
Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown
Wilson M. Brown
Rufus E. Clement
A. W. Dent
Clark Foreman
H. D. Goode
Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Mrs. Henry Havens
Charles S. Johnson
Guy B. Johnson
E. A. McDowell
T. James McNamara
Benjamin E. Mays
George S. Mitchell
N. C. Newbold
F. D. Patterson
Edmund M. Preston
Ira DeA. Reid
James L. Robb
G. D. Rogers
Philip E. Shulhafer
Miss Florence Sytz
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold L. Trigg
Forrester B. Washington
John H. Wheeler
Goodrich C. White
Miss Josephine Wilkins
F. C. Willcoxon
P. B. Young

The opening prayer was offered by Dr. Edward A. McDowell.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 6, 1944, were read by the Secretary.

1 IT WAS VOTED that the minutes be adopted as read.

A brief report of the meeting of the Committee on Fellows, on December 5, 1944, was made by the Chairman Dr. Forrester B. Washington. At that meeting the following Fellows were nominated: Charles Jones, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; John Ivey, Jr., Knoxville, Tennessee; Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald, Hickory, North Carolina; Vernon Wharton, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi; Ernest Neal, Dallas, Texas; W. H. Pipes, Southern University, Scotlandville, Louisiana; Captain Robert M. Hughes, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta; and John William Morgan, Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville. It was agreed by the Committee, Dr. Washington said, that the staff of the Council should be requested to prepare a manual, giving a detailed description of the work of the Fellows. It was further agreed that an invited Fellow who is on leave of absence outside the region may be considered a resident of the region if he plans to return. In the event he has moved outside this area, however, the Committee agreed that he must be informed of the sections of the By-laws which require that "all members of the corporation shall be residents of this area" and that Fellows "shall, during the term of their fellowship, be members with all the rights and obligations of members, except that they shall be exempt from the payment of dues."

2 IT WAS VOTED that the report be adopted.

Dr. Hancock said that he was very much impressed with the list of Fellows selected. He noticed, however, that they were all from within our own region, and he wondered whether the Council was ready to draw from other regions, thus broadening our scope of activity and answering the charge that we are too provincial. It was the consensus that the Fellows should be selected from the area of the Council.

Mrs. Hamilton asked what the basis was for the selection of Fellows. Dr. Johnson explained that at a meeting of the Committee on Fellows last summer it was the general agreement that Fellows should be preferably people of the young or young middle-age group, but that no definite age limit was set; that they should have shown some talent for leadership in organization or research, or in public relations; that they should be selected to represent a variety of professions. He also called attention to the fact that Council members were expected to nominate Fellows to serve for a period of two years.

Dr. Washington called attention to the fact that the Fellows are not Fellows in the usual sense, but are "free, voluntary field workers who supply information and sometimes, perhaps, work on situations."

Dr. Johnson asked whether Board members would like to have copies of the memorandum sent to the Fellows, outlining ten or twelve different sorts of things they might do and requesting that each one check the things which he would be best able to do. It was the consensus that the Board should be provided with this memorandum.

In the absence of Mr. Virginius Dabney, Chairman, Dr. Johnson made a brief report for the Committee on Public Relations, which held its first meeting on December 5, 1944, with only three of its members present: Mr. Dabney, Mrs. Havens, and Mr. W. Y. Bell, Jr. The possibility of getting a person who would be suitable for public relations and publicity work was discussed. The members also discussed the demobilization of the Service men and the importance of doing something to impress on the public the necessity for post-war planning to take care of the demobilization problems. It was suggested, Dr. Johnson said, that the Council might sponsor a South-wide conference on the post-war period, bringing in some of the chiefs of police and other experts and trying to dramatize the problem as much as possible. Dr. Johnson reported that no formal action was taken at the meeting.

3 IT WAS VOTED that the report be accepted.

Dr. Bond told of a conference of land-grant college presidents among Negroes held in Chicago last fall, when a project aimed at the reintegration of Negro veterans into civilian life was authorized and the president of the conference was instructed to take steps to set up a series of regional conferences, as well as a series of state conferences, taking as a guide the conference held in Virginia recently under the direction of Dr. P. B. Young and President L. H. Foster of the State College. Dr. Bond asked for the cooperation of the Council in this project.

Mr. Preston expressed the opinion that a question as important as this should be given a special place on the agenda. After discussion and on motion of Msgr. McNamara-

4 IT WAS VOTED that the Chairman be empowered to appoint a committee to bring in a report after lunch suggesting ways in which the Council might assist in carrying out the plans of the cooperating Negro educational institutions for the readjustment of Negro veterans.

The following committee was appointed: H. M. Bond, Chairman, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton, Clark Foreman, George S. Mitchell, John H. Wheeler, Edmund M. Preston, and N. C. Newbold.

Dr. Johnson reported briefly for the Committee on Publications, stating that arrangements had been made for the preparation of several pamphlets during 1945.

Dr. Odum said that Dr. Alexander hoped to call a meeting of the Committee on Finance, of which he is Chairman, about the sixteenth of February, when he will be in Atlanta.

The report of the treasurer was read. (See attached.)

5 IT WAS VOTED that the report be accepted and filed.

Dr. Clement asked whether the Council has continuing appropriations from any of the foundations. Dr. Odum replied that the General Education Board appropriation is for a period of five years and that it is understood that the appropriation of the Julius Rosenwald Fund is a continuing appropriation. It was agreed that the Committee on Finance should make an effort to get assurance of continuing support from the Fund.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by the Chairman Mrs. Henry Havens, as follows:

President- Mark Ethridge
1st Vice President- P. B. Young
2nd Vice President- Homer P. Rainey
3rd Vice President- Carter Wesley
Secretary-Treasurer- Emily H. Clay
Executive Director- Guy B. Johnson
Associate Executive Director- Ira DeA. Reid

For the vancancy on the Executive Committee-
Edmund M. Preston
For the Board of Directors-
Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman

The committee further suggests that the Board of Directors accept the resignation of Mr. Haas from the Executive Committee and that the counsel be made an ex officio member of the Committee.

The committee recommends, also, that Dr. Odum be made a member of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Havens was asked whether all the people nominated had agreed to accept the nominations. She replied that all with the exception of Mr. Ethridge had indicated that they would do so, and that it was understood that he would consider accepting the presidency.

After discussion, Dr. Dent moved that the Committee on Nominations be instructed to call Mr. Ethridge by long-distance telephone to find out, before electing him, whether or not he will accept the presidency. Mr. Preston suggested that it would be better first to have a vote on whether or not the Board wanted to invite him to become President.

The advisability of electing Mr. Ethridge, in view of his remarks concerning segregation at the FEPC hearings in Birmingham in 1942, was discussed. Dr. Bond stated that the Committee on Nominations, of which he was a member, was of the opinion that the remarks alleged to have been made by Mr. Ethridge in the Birmingham document "were not too serious an impediment to his elevation to the presidency of the Council."

Dr. Dent said that he would like to withdraw his previous motion and have the Board vote first on the report of the Committee on Nominations.

Dr. Clement spoke in favor of the election of Mr. Ethridge, who in his opinion is "one of the most liberal of living Southerners," and said that his only concern was whether or not Mr. Ethridge would accept. Dr. Clement, therefore, made a motion-

That the report of the Committee on Nominations be tabled until Mr. Ethridge can be consulted.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson expressed the opinion that the main point to be decided at present is whether or not the members of the Board want to elect Mr. Ethridge to the presidency. He said that he took occasion to read the transcript of the Birmingham hearings in which Mr. Ethridge's speech appeared and that he got a very different impression from that which was given by the published reports of the address - one that increased his respect for Mr. Ethridge. Dr. Johnson stated, also, that it was his belief that Mr. Ethridge was describing a situation and that the statement which he made was not his present or ultimate opinion concerning segregation.

Dr. Clement's motion was seconded by Dr. Patterson and, after further discussion-

6 IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Nominations be tabled.

Dr. Clement said that he would like to propose a motion-

That it would be the sense of this body that after a discussion of segregation, no matter what the decision, we would ask Mr. Ethridge to accept the presidency of the Council.

Dr. Foreman called attention to an article by Dr. Will W. Alexander, entitled "Our Conflicting Racial Policies," in the January Harper's magazine and made a motion-

That the Board go on record as endorsing the article and that this statement be accepted as the Council's policy on segregation; further, that one hundred thousand reprints of the article be ordered and distributed.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Clement.

In the discussion which followed, Dr. Charles Johnson expressed approval of distributing the article, but said he thought it was somewhat irregular to adopt a magazine article as a policy of a body. He said, also, that at the present time he thought it was unnecessary and unwise to make a statement either for or against segregation and that he was opposed to any such statement.

Dr. Mays said it was his opinion that the Council "should be known by its works," and that no statement should be issued on the subject of segregation.

After saying that he was in full agreement with Dr. Charles Johnson's statement, Dr. Clement offered a substitute motion-

That we now have a vote on the question of whether or not Mr. Ethridge shall be invited to accept the presidency of the Council.

7 IT WAS VOTED that his motion be accepted

Dr. McDowell offered an amendment-

That we express it as the consensus of this body that Mr. Ethridge shall be chosen as the President of the Southern Regional Council if he is willing to accept election.

With the approval of Dr. Clement-

8 IT WAS VOTED that the amendment be accepted.

Dr. Young requested Dr. Odum to get in touch with Mr. Ethridge as quickly as possible.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 P. M., with Dr. Young presiding.

Dr. Guy Johnson read the list of Honorary Fellows elected by the Committee on Fellows and reported that 29 had accepted to date, 3 had refused, and 8 had not replied to the invitation. (See attached list.)

Dr. Johnson said that he and Dr. Reid had made an arrangement with a research specialist to prepare some data suitable for making a large display chart which will be printed. The chart will put emphasis on the South - its people, resources, and problems - and not on the race problem, he said, and will answer the criticism of some people that the Southern Regional Council is interested solely in race relations. Dr. Johnson asked the Board to consider the ques-

tion of whether it would be wise for this Council to sponsor some sort of South-wide, post-war committee composed of fifty or sixty representatives of business, industry, and other interests, which might be the focal point at which this chart and any pamphlets or publicity that grow out of it might be disseminated.

After discussion and on motion of Mr. Rogers-

9 IT WAS VOTED that this Council be authorized to sponsor the formation of a South-wide, post-war committee to consider the general problems of the South.

In the discussion which followed, Dr. Johnson explained that it was thought that a prospectus or pamphlet based on the information contained in the chart would receive much more attention if it were sponsored by a South-wide committee of well-known people, regardless of whether they are connected with the Council.

A substitute motion was offered by Mrs. Hamilton-

That we approve the proposal of the Executive Directors that the information be made available in the form of a prospectus, and that the Executive Committee consider ways of setting up machinery to deal with it.

On motion of Dr. Goodrich White-

10 IT WAS VOTED that the whole matter be referred to the Executive Committee with the unanimous approval of the Board and with instructions that they take action on it.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilson Brown and on motion of Mrs. Havens-

11 IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Committee on Nominations be brought before the Board for action.

Mrs. Havens reported that efforts had been made to get in touch with Mr. Ethridge, but that he was away from Louisville and could not be reached by telephone before Friday. In presenting the nominations, she asked that the report be accepted and that the Executive Committee be instructed to elect him if he accepts the nomination or, if he declines, that the full slate of officers continue as they stand at present.

On motion of Mr. Brown-

12 IT WAS VOTED that the officers nominated, with the exception of the president, be elected; that Mr. Ethridge be advised that it is the wish of the Council that he accept the presidency; that the Executive Committee be instructed to elect him if he accepts the nomination, and if he declines that Dr. Odum be reelected to the presidency.

On motion of Dr. Clement, seconded by Dr. McDowell-

13 IT WAS VOTED THAT President Rufus B. Atwood, of Kentucky State College, Frankfort, be elected to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Johnson asked for a consideration of the suggested program for 1945,

which was presented by the Executive Directors at the annual meeting and was referred to the Board of Directors for action. The program was outlined as follows:

1- The organization of state divisions of the Council.
2- A series of South-wide conferences.
3- A series of state-wide race relations institutes or forums.
4- A special visiting committee, which would seek private conferences with as many Southern governors as possible.
5- Establishment of a civil rights committee.
6- Youth work.
7- A study of police systems.
8- A study of segregation and discrimination.
9- A primary test case, if it appears that there is no case under way.

14 IT WAS VOTED that this be endorsed as the proposed program for 1945, subject to the limitations of budget and personnel.

Dr. Goode reported that a primary case in Pensacola, sponsored by the Citizens Committee, would be tried on February 2. It was suggested that the Executive Directors keep in touch with the progress of this case.

Dr. Johnson explained that it might be necessary, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to cut down on the program. He reported that on Item 2 we already have called two small meetings- on February 1, the heads of ten state interracial committees; on February 2, a small group of women to discuss a program of action for the prevention of lynching, riots, and other racial friction, especially in the post-war period. On Item 3, he said, the Executive Directors have helped to plan institutes of human relations for Georgia and Virginia. He stated that he and Dr. Reid were of the opinion that Items 6,7, and 8 should have priority, and he asked Dr. Reid to present special memoranda which he had prepared on Youth Work and the Study of Segregation and Discrimination. (See attached memoranda.)

Dr. Hancock expressed appreciation for the memorandum on segregation, but said he wondered whether we should "dissipate our energies on finding out more about segregation, or whether with our limited resources it would be better to do something about the segregation we know about." It was his opinion that "what we need is to change these mores."

Dr. Charles Johnson spoke in support of the study of segregation, which he thought would be a means of educating people. He said, further, that "if we can calculate with some convincing accuracy the cost of segregation, where it works, where it doesn't work, where it is breaking down, it would be tremendously valuable, not simply to the student, but to the practical man of affairs who wants to know in terms of dollars and cents what next steps to take."

Mr. Preston expressed particular interest in the memorandum on Youth Work, but said that he hoped a way could be found to get the cooperation of young people without labeling them as "youth" and segregating them from the older group.

On motion of Dr. Foreman-

15 IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Directors be directed to procure and circulate as many reprints of the Harper's article by Dr. Will W. Alexander as the Council's funds and the paper situation will permit.

The report of the Committee on Veterans' Assistance was read by Mrs. Hamilton. (See attached.)

16 IT WAS VOTED that the report be adopted.

At the request of Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Foreman spoke briefly of the plans of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, of which he is President, and expressed the hope that the two organizations might cooperate in working on Southern problems.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that, as a result of the special request which was made of Council members recently, we now have approximately 500 nominations on file. He proposed that the Board authorize the election of all those persons who have been nominated and who accept the invitation to become members of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Wilson Brown-

17 IT WAS VOTED that all persons whose nominations are now on file be elected to membership in the Council upon acceptance of the invitation.

On motion of Dr. Odum-

18 IT WAS VOTED to adjourn at 4:45 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Report of the Treasurer
February 16 to December 31, 1944

RECEIPTS		
Funds, and Foundations		$ 29,600.00
Church Boards		1,425.00
Membership Dues and Contributions		1,320.50
The Southern Frontier -- Subscriptions		382.00
Mailing List - Subscriptions		179.00
Non-member Contributions		71.00
Miscellaneous - Literature		1,668.81
Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc.		
Cash in Bank		194.00
Postage Account		8.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$ 34,849.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 19,127.93	
Travel Expense	3,920.75	
General and Administrative Expense	10,624.71	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		33,673.39
		$ 1,175.61
Less:		
Balance in Postage Account, Dec. 31	$ 40.23	
Balance in Air Script Account, Dec. 31	144.39	184.62
BALANCE IN BANK, DECEMBER 31, 1944		$ 990.99

HONORARY FELLOWS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 31, 1945

William Y. Bell, Jr.
Room 4, 158 Auburn Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Miss T. Ruth Brett
Box 76, Whittier Hall
1230 Amsterdam Avenue
New York 27, New York

J. H. Daves
409 Bankers' Trust Building
TVA Knoxville, Tennessee

Miss Dorothy Dickins
Mississippi Experiment Station
State College, Mississippi

The Rev. Jerome A. Drolet
St. Matthias Church
3924 General Taylor Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

S. E. Duncan
Washington High School
Reidsville, North Carolina

Merl Eppse
Tennessee A. & T. College
Nashville 8, Tennessee

John R. Ewbank
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

E. Horace Fitchett
Claflin College
Orangeburg, S. C.

Margaret Fletcher
St. Mary's House
930 Walker Avenue
Greensboro, N. C.

John Hope Franklin
North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Miss Eva L. Frazer
121 East South Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Charles G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Miss Josephine Hamilton
Chattanooga High School
East Third Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Captain Robert M. Hughes
Lawson General Hospital
Atlanta, Georgia

R. E. Jones
A. & T. College, Box 68
Greensboro, N. C.

Howard Kester
Frogmore Post Office
St. Helena Island, S. C.

Roscoe E. Lewis
Box 101
Hampton Institute, Virginia

Miss Flemmie Kittrell
Home Economics Department
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald
315 Pittsboro Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Miss Mildred Mell
344 Kirk Road
Decatur, Georgia

W. H. Pipes
P. O. Box 71, Southern University
Scotlandville, Louisiana

John F. Potts
Chief Specialist (R) USNR
1410 Pine Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Charles A. Ray
Box 628, North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Ettrick, Virginia

Asa T. Spaulding
North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Allyn Robinson, Jr.
The United Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

Lt. Vernon Wharton, USNR
1617 Foucher Street
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

G. D. Wilson
3344 Grand Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky

The Following Have Declined Honorary Fellowships

Mrs. Frederick Bolman
Randolph Macon College
Lynchburg, Virginia

John Ivey
Com. on Southern Regional
Studies and Education
Knoxville, Tennessee

Robert H. Sutherland
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

The Following Have Not Been Heard From

Charles Jones
Presbyterian Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

H. I. Fontellio Nanton
State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

G. E. Jones
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Ernest Neal
Specialist in Race Relations
Southwestern Office, OPA
Dallas, Texas

R. W. Mance
Columbia, South Carolina

George Snowden
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

John W. Morgan
Professor of Social Science
Georgia State College for Women
Milledgeville, Georgia

Stephen Wright
North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

PROPOSED YOUTH SERVICE SECTION
of
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PURPOSE - To stimulate, initiate and service group consideration and action among young people of the South, particularly college and church groups, the social and economic problems of the South, placing special emphasis upon

1 - Promoting a desire for understanding and discussing these problems, and

2 - Developing a socially constructive point of view with reference to their amelioration -- all within the Southern Regional Council's special fields of interest.

ORGANIZATION - Eventually it is hoped to have a Youth Services Secretary and an assistant or associate Secretary on the Southern Regional Council staff. Since it is desirable to undertake this program immediately it is recommended that the work be initiated as follows

I - Select 2 Fellows, one white, one colored, in each state to serve as organizers of the Youth Service Section in those areas;

II - Have these Fellows prepare lists of youth organizations and their leaders

1. On the various college campuses

2. In the larger church organizations of the larger communities

3. Such state or city-wide organizations of youth as may exist.

Have these lists submitted to Southern Regional Council.

III - Have literature on the South especially designed for these groups prepared for distribution and discussion in these various groups. Send, for example, the UNC Memorandum on Negroes -- preparing a brief list of questions to accompany it. Also, prepare--or have prepared other memoranda for discussion and distribution.

IV - Prepare a discussion or action memorandum for these groups as the basis for informal or formal meetings.

V - Prepare an itinerary for Fellows and/or other SRC representatives to discuss The South: Its Problems and Potentialities (or some kindred subject) at specially designed talk-fests.

VI - Arrange a program of volunteer experience where these students may serve some cause in their home community, as a proving ground for testing their interests and abilities, and as a means for testing what may and may not be done with success.

The promotion of such a program might be based upon a 5 months' budget of $1,200.00 to be expended as follows:

Services and expenses of 26 Fellows in 13 states	@ $25.00 each	$630.00
Literature		250.00
Promotion and Visits of SRC Staff Members		200.00
Incidentals		120.00
		$1,200.00

RACIAL SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION

IN THE SOUTH

The general theories underlying this study are three: first, that in theory segregation is the antithesis of democracy, and in practice means the limitation, and at times abrogation of basic citizenship rights; second, that acceptance of the principle of segregation or of established segregation is not only wrong but impolitic and inexpedient; and, third, that there is an immediate need for ignoring most of the rationalizations regarding segregation and to work out definite techniques and programs for immediate practice.

The purpose of this study, therefore, may be stated, to explore the ways and means of segregation and legalized discrimination in the South, in other words, how they work, and to devise therefrom techniques for promoting both the theory and the structure of equality under the law.

The study would cover the theory and practices of segregation and discrimination in the several states and cities covered by the Southern Regional Council.

The study would be designed to show how segregation works, what people believe about segregation, and what can be done about its patterns and practices.

In its entirety the study should be completed within two years, although sub-portions of it should be available for study and action at intervals of six months' periods following the study's inception.

It is recommended that the Southern Regional Council set up a subdivision of its organization to be known as the Segregation Research Committee, to be composed of selected representatives from research groups and educational institutions, white and colored, to supervise the initiation and conduct of the study for the Southern Regional Council. This Committee will have a paid secretariat, and will be held responsible for the successful promotion of a program for understanding and recommending action regarding its findings .

It is recommended that a budget of $68,600 be allocated for the two year study, $15,000 of which shall be appropriated by the Southern Regional Council, and $53,600 to be secured from other sources.

It is recommended that the study be conducted by the Southern Regional Council, the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences of the University of North Carolina, and the Department of Social Sciences of Fisk University with the assistance of Fellows of the Southern Regional Council. The responsibility for action on any phase of the study and the publication authority shall belong to the Southern Regional Council. Fellows of the Southern Regional Council shall assist in the furtherance of the study.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

	Director - 2 years	@	$6,500	$13,000
	Editorial Assistant - 2 years	@	4,500	9,000
3	Research Assistants - 1½ years	@	2,400	10,600
3	Stenographer Clerks - 2 years	@	1,800	10,800
20	Fellows for special employments averaging, for expenses and honoraria	@	500	10,000
	Meetings and promotion			2,000
	Travel - (other than Fellows)			5,000
	Publications			5,000
	Office expenses and supplies			2,000
	Contingency			1,200
				$68,600

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH MEMORANDUM

RACE SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE SOUTH

A Series of Studies on the Political, Legal and Economic Aspects of Segregation in Principle and Practice.

THE STUDIES

I. The Economic Cost of Segregation

What is the financial cost of segregated institutions, by type (i.e., schools, hospitals, etc.), by control (public, quasi-public, as railroads, bus lines, etc), by states, by metropolitan districts?

What are the costs in terms of overhead required? Servicing the institution?

What are the costs in terms of discriminatory expenditure of funds?

What would be the cost for similar and equal services for all of the people if there were no segregation?

II. The Legislation of Segregation

An elaboration of the studies by Mangum, Stephenson and Johnson, to show the type, number and nature of segregation laws in each of the states and their smaller political units. The analysis should provide a basis for a legal approach to the problem.

III. Public Opinion and Segregation

An extensive study of contemporary opinion on the practices of segregation and discrimination to be conducted by the Southern Regional Council by such an agency as the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver.

IV. The Functioning of Equality Under the Law

An analysis of judicial opinion on the "separate but equal" theory of federal and state legislation. Use such fields as civil rights, residential segregation, etc.

V. Suffrage and Segregation

An analysis of the constitutional and statutory provisions aimed toward Negro disfranchisement, and of the administrational and procedural subterfuges made possible thereby.

VI. Segregation and Discrimination in a Selected Community

A special study of all facets of segregation in a selected Southern community.

REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' ASSISTANCE

January 31, 1945

It is recommended that-

1. The Southern Regional Council cooperate in the organization and establishment of state-wide efforts to integrate the returning veteran, and to give particular attention to the needs of the Negro veteran.

2. That a committee be appointed to report to the executive committee on specific ways of cooperation with the plans of the cooperating Negro Education Institutions and to give particular attention to-

a- Tension in places to which veterans are returning.

b- Using the Council's influence, aggressivly to open new employment opportunites.

M I N U T E S

Meeting of Local Members
of the Executive Committee

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
July 25, 1945

The meeting of the local members of the Executive Committee was held in the office of the Executive Director at 10:45 A. M. Wednesday July 25. The following were present: C. H. Gillman, Josephine Wilkins, Guy B. Johnson, and Emily H. Clay, Secretary.

Mr. Gillman was welcomed as a new member of the Committee, and Dr. Johnson reported that at the last minute Mr. Haas was unable to attend because of illness in his family, while Dr. Clement and Dr. Reid both were out of the city.

Dr. Johnson said he was glad to report that Mr. Ray Warwick, recently on the local staff of the Associated Press, would join the Council's staff in August to edit THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER and to do other editorial and publicity work.

The question of an Associate Executive Director was discussed. Dr. Johnson said he was still endeavoring to work out some arrangement whereby Mr. W. Y. Bell, Jr., might for the present divide his time between the Council and the Urban League, with the expectation that he would eventually become a full-time member of the Council's staff. Dr. Johnson asked, however, whether the Committee thought he should continue to negotiate with Mr. Bell, or whether it would seem more desirable to make further efforts to find someone who could give undivided attention to this work. He said Dr. Reid had suggested that President R. B. Atwood of State Teachers College, Frankfort, Kentucky, who is a Council member, might be interested. After discussion, it was the consensus that before the next meeting Dr. Johnson should inquire into the possibility of securing the services of President Atwood.

Dr. Johnson spoke of the annual meeting of the Council scheduled for the second Wednesday in October. It was agreed that this should be brought up at the next official meeting of the Committee.

Attention was called to a recent editorial by Dr. P. B. Young in the Norfolk Journal and Guide for July 7, which contained some criticism of the Southern Regional Council. Dr. Johnson read portions of the editorial and of his reply, which was carried in the July 21 issue. After discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Young, who as vice president of the Council is an ex officio member of the Executive Committee, should be urged to attend the next official meeting of the Committee and to present his views concerning the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

M I N U T E S

Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council, Inc.

September 18, 1945

The Executive Committee met in the Conference Room of the Council on Wednesday September 18, 1945, and was called to order at 10:45 A. M. by the Chairman, Dr. Charles S. Johnson. In addition to the Chairman, the following were present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Guy B. Johnson, Ira DeA. Reid, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Service who had been invited to sit with the Committee.

The Chairman read a telegram from Dr. Odum who had expected to be present, but who found it impossible to come.

Dr. Guy B. Johnson explained that Mr. Carter Wesley had wired that he would be present if he could arrange for transportation from Houston to Atlanta, but apparently he was unable to do so. Messages of regret had also been received from Messrs. Hancock, Rainey, and Young.

The Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the full Committee. In view of the fact that copies were sent to the members, however, on motion of Mr. Haas-

1 IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes of the June 27 meeting be dispensed with.

The minutes of the July meeting of local members were read and, on motion of Dr. Guy Johnson-

2 IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the July 27 meeting be approved with a minor change in wording.

The Chairman asked Dr. Guy Johnson whether he cared to comment on anything in the minutes. Dr. Johnson said he would like to say that, following his reply to an editorial by Dr. Young in the Norfolk Journal and Guide for July 7, Mr. Wesley wrote expressing regret that any reply was made to the editorial. He also included some criticism of the Council's activities which Dr. Johnsom summarized as: (1) that we are doing too much publishing of propaganda, which he thought was not particularly effective; (2) that we are not getting at the people who control things, who have influence and prestige; and (3) that we are not getting anywhere on the policies laid down in the Durham statement. In the same letter Mr. Wesley offered his resignation. Dr. Johnson said that he wrote Mr. Wesley, thanking him for his letter and expressing the hope that he could meet with the Executive Committee and that we might have a full discussion of the Council's policies. Mr. Wesley replied that he would do his best to be present.

Dr. Johnson also spoke of the difficulty of getting good attendance at meetings of the Committee which he thought tied in with some of the misunderstandings we have had. He told the Committee that the attendance record shows that two members have missed all meetings of the Committee and that another member has attended only one. The record of the other members, he said, was fair to good. Dr. Johnson reminded the Committee that it had been necessary to postpone several meeting because of inability to get a quorum, and he expressed the hope that we might find some way of being

assured of better attendance. He recalled that it had been suggested that insufficient notice was given. According to the record, however, the only meeting for which insufficient notice was given was the first one following the charter meeting, and the attendance was good in spite of the short notice. Msgr. McNamara spoke of the recent telegram asking whether he could attend a meeting on September 18. He said he replied that he could be present and, although he did not receive confirmation of the date, he assumed that the meeting would be held. To avoid misunderstanding, however, he suggested that such messages be confirmed in the future.

The Committee discussed the annual meeting, which, according to the by-laws, shall be held on the second Wednesday in October at the Council headquarters, or at such other time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Dr. Clement explained that inasmuch as the Council met in December last year he was under the impression that it would meet at the same time this year. Accordingly, because of other meetings which have been scheduled, Atlanta University would not be able to entertain the Council during October. It was revealed that the October date was also inconvenient for other members of the Committee. After discussion, therefore, and on motion of Mr. Gillman-

3 IT WAS VOTED that the next annual meeting be held on Wednesday November 14, 1945, at Atlanta University and, in accordance with the provision in the by-laws, that the Board of Directors meet on the preceding day at the same place.

The Executive Directors expressed satisfaction in the Council's new personnel: Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director of Veterans Service, Mr. Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, and Mrs. Inez Tillison, Office Manager. He reported that Mr. W. Y. Bell, Jr., who had been considered as a possible staff member, had been in ill health and there was considerable uncertainty as to his availability. He said, also, that following the Committee's instructions he had been in correspondence with President R. B. Atwood as to the possibility of his becoming full-time Associate Executive Director. President Atwood expressed interest, in replying to Dr. Johnson, but up to the time of this meeting was undecided as to whether he might consider an offer. Since no definite commitment had been obtained from him, Dr. Johnson reported that he had followed another suggestion and had conferred with President H. L. Trigg, of the State Teachers College at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, who is a member of our Board of Directors. Mr. Trigg appeared to be definitely interested, and Dr. Johnson was convinced that he would consider an offer of the position of Associate Executive Director. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that he has been acquainted with Mr. Trigg for about twenty years, that he has high regard for him, and that he knows of no one with whom he would rather work.

In the discussion which followed, the question of Dr. Reid's continuing as part-time Associate Executive Director was raised. Dr. Clement said that insofar as Atlanta University was concerned the part-time arrangement had been entirely satisfactory. Dr. Reid replied, however, that he was convinced that the Council needs a full-time Associate Director. Dr. Clement asked whether Dr. Reid might be needed for research work in the event a full-time person is secured. It was the consensus that such an arrangement would be advisable.

On motion of Dr. Clement-

4 IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Director be authorized to proceed with negotiations with Mr. H. L. Trigg.

Dr. Mitchell reported briefly on his activities since joining the Council's staff on June 18. He explained that most of his time had been spent in reading

everything he could find about the administration of assistance to veterans in the North, as well as in the Southern states, and about the very complicated Federal legislation for veterans' benefits. His object, he said, was to find out as much about the laws and practices for helping veterans as would be known by most of the people whom he would later be interviewing over the South. He now plans to visit the thirteen Southern states, spending from two to three weeks in each one, for the purpose of making an administrative survey and finding out the kind of help which is provided for veterans -- "whether the thing is ticking, where the holes are, and whether it is doing a good or poor job of giving service to any one community." Dr. Mitchell feels that after surveying several of the states he will be in a position "to make reasonable suggestions in states as yet unsurveyed, or to go back to states already visited and report what is being done in other states." He would like to have at least one white and one Negro veteran to assist in this work and is now endeavoring to find these staff members.

The Committee heard Dr. Mitchell's report with interest and expressed approval of his plans for the Veterans Service program.

Dr. Charles Johnson told of three officers - an Admiral, a Colonel, and a Captain - who have had experience with white and Negro troops in combat and who, in talking with him recently, expressed great interest and a desire to have some part in the postwar plans for the returning veterans. The Admiral and the Colonel, in particular, he said, "want to devote the next year or two to some sort of service in this field." He thought that the Captain, a Southerner and the first of the three whom he heard express interest in this field, might also be available. It was Dr. Johnson's opinion that, "if they are not too ponderous as representatives of veterans, they might have considerable influence on governors and other state officials."

Dr. Guy Johnson gave a brief report of the Council's over-all activities. One thing we have continued to work on, he said, is our relation to the state interracial committees. The committees in South Carolina, Kentucky, and Georgia have already effected affiliation with the Council, and it now appears that several other states committees will do so at their next annual meetings. Dr. Johnson spoke of the field work of Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Henry Havens with church groups and other agencies in the Southeast. He reported that Mrs. Havens is helping to set up some conferences on law enforcement and race relations in South Carolina and Florida, and he expressed the hope that several such conferences might be held sometime during the fall.

The new publications which Dr. Johnson said have been distributed since the last meeting are OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGRO VETERANS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, with a guide sheet for other communities, and THE SOUTH, AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY NUMBER ONE, containing the addresses delivered at the Conference on the South's Post-War Economy, which was sponsored by the Council. Two manuscripts which Mr. Warwick is now editing for publication are a survey on health conditions in the South, by Dr. Dorothy Dickins, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, State College, Mississippi, and one on suffrage in the South, by Stetson Kennedy, now of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Johnson told, also, of an article by Dr. Clement, entitled BLACK GI JOE COMES HOME, which will be published in the near future.

Dr. Johnson spoke of two pieces of research which have been carried on by the Council: (1) A sampling of rural and urban communities has been worked out and conducted by Mr. A. C. Robinson, "to try to give us a line-up on the effects of the war on employment, reconversion, and family conditions." The Council's Fellows have cooperated in making this study, which will furnish data that will be useful to the veterans program and will provide some special news stories that will get the problem

before the people. It is expected that this study will be completed about the middle of October. (2) A study of transportation in the Atlanta area, as a part of the segregation study proposed at the annual meeting in 1944, has been carried on under the direction od Dr. Reid, with the help of four trained assistants.

Dr. Reid presented a summary of the study, accompanied by photographs of typical scenes showing the inequalities in provisions for Negro passengers on public carriers. He posed two questions. (1) Shall this material be presented to the Board of Directors, and (2) what use shall be made of it?

After full discussion and on motion of Mr. Gillman-

5 IT WAS VOTED that a sub-committee be appointed from the Board to work with Dr. Reid in analyzing the materials and making recommendations to the Board.

The Chairman said that he would like to appoint this committee in consultation with the Executive Director.

Dr. Guy Johnson said that, judging by the letters which we receive, expressing appreciation for the publications, for public statements issued, and for our work with other organizations, it is his opinion that we are "beginning to make the presence of the Council known a good deal better than it was." He reported that the Council cooperated with twenty other lay organizations of Georgia this month in sponsoring the Conference on Georgia Rural Health. Our chief contribution, he said, was clerical assistance, the preparation of a leaflet and a set of maps giving health information, and the handling of publicity for the Conference.

The Treasurer made a brief statement concerning the finances as of August 31.

Mr. Ray Warwick came into the meeting, on the invitation of the Executive Director, who introduced him to the Committee and asked him to speak about his plans. Mr. Warwick said that, after a study of the current publications of the Council, it was his opinion that most of our publications were designed to be read principally by "people who are already on our side." He would like to supplement these with a more popular type of leaflet and pamphlet which "will be read by the man on the street." Mr. Warwick hopes to develop some sort of promotion to enlist either more memberships or a larger number of subscribers to the Council publications. He reported that he is now working on an eight-page, small-sized leaflet summing up the information contained in the suffrage manuscript. He proposed two types of publications for the Council: (1) detailed and documentary pamphlets, and (2) simple, "punchy" leaflets. He expressed the opinion that this material can be made self-sustaining by distributing it in quantity to other organizations which will purchase it for their own use.

Another proposal offered by Mr. Warwick concerned THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, which he recommended changing to a pocket-sized publication of perhaps eight pages. He also suggested the possibility of issuing each quarter a special, enlarged edition, based on a thorough study by the Council of some particular Southern problem. He recommended that we publish simultaneously for mass distribution a brief, popular pamphlet based on the same material; also that we issue a study manual, to be used as a guide to study groups. Mr. Warwick said it was his opinion that "if we can get ourselves identified as a group working on the problems of the South as a whole" the Council will be received with greater confidence and when we speak on the race problem the public will listen more readily.

Dr. Charles Johnson said he had noticed that a great many small-town newspapers

have a very good editorial policy. He suggested that we use in the FRONTIER quotations from "some of these people on a range of questions, not exclusively race," in order to "let the people know the thinking that is going on at the grass roots."

Mr. Gillman suggested the use of cartoons in the FRONTIER.

Dr. Guy Johnson asked whether the Executive Committee should act on the suggestions for publications, or whether they should be referred to the Committee on Publications and the Committee on Public Relations.

6 IT WAS VOTED that we recommend to the Committee on Publications and the Committee on Public Relations that they follow through on Mr. Warwick's recommendations insofar as it is possible within budget limitations.

Mr. Gillman urged that some effort be made to reach the farmers. Dr. Charles Johnson suggested the use of advertisements in farm papers.

Mr. Haas expressed the opinion that a good deal of work could be done among the business men, many of whom are not aware of the existence of the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. Guy Johnson said he feared that, if the membership of the Council grows to several thousand, difficulties will arise in our annual meetings as a result of the required quorum of not less than one-fourth of the entire membership. He suggested that this might be taken care of (1) by limiting the voting membership to one thousand and having as many sponsors, contributors, or subscribers as we can get; or (2) by making the voting Council a kind of enlarged Board, with representatives elected from the states.

Mr. Haas said he was impressed with the idea that people generally value the right to vote, and that this situation could be taken care of at any time by a change in the by-laws which would reduce the number required for a quorum.

The Chairman requested the Executive Director to draw up these alternatives for presentation to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Dr. Guy Johnson asked whether the annual meeting should be a straight business meeting, or whether we should have a public evening session with a speaker. He recalled that last year we made plans for a public meeting but were unable to get the speaker we wanted.

Dr. Reid suggested that, inasmuch as we shall be working on law enforcement this fall, it would be appropriate to invite as our speaker United States Attorney General Tom Clark who is a Southerner and has demonstrated a liberal attitude.

Mr. Warwick said that, inasmuch as everybody is interested in postwar plans and the South is particularly concerned, he thought that Mr. Wallace might be more effective, especially in view of his recently published book Sixty Million Jobs.

Msgr. McNamara suggested Justice Hugo L. Black as another possibility.

On motion of Mr. Gillman-

7 IT WAS VOTED that an effort be made to get Mr. Wallace to speak at an open session at the time of the annual meeting of the Council.

On motion of Msgr. McNamara-

8 IT WAS VOTED that in the event Mr. Wallace is unavailable the Executive Director, in consultation with the officers and other available members of the Executive Committee, be authorized to invite other persons to appear on the program.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Dr. Howard W. Odum at 5:15 P. M. Wednesday November 14, 1945, immediately following adjournment of the member meeting. The following were present: Will W. Alexander Rufus E. Clement, Virginius Dabney, A. W. Dent, Clark Foreman, C. H. Gillman, Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Gordon B. Hancock, Louis I. Jaffe, Guy B. Johnson, Charles S. Johnson, T. James McNamara, Benjamin E. Mays, N. C. Newbold, Howard W. Odum, John G. Pollard, Jr., Ira DeA. Reid, Philip Shulhafer, Forrester B. Washington, Josephine Wilkins, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Office Manager, At the invitation of Dr. Odum, Mrs. Henry Havens, George S. Mitchell, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly sat in the meeting.

Msgr. McNamara, reporting for the Nominating Committee, of which he was Chairman, read the following nominations for officers for the coming year.

President	-	Paul D. Williams, Richmond, Virginia
First Vice President	-	P. B. Young, Norfolk, Virginia
Second Vice President	-	C. F. Palmer, Atlanta, Georgia
Third Vice President	-	Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas
Secretary-Treasurer	-	Emily H. Clay
Counsel	-	Leonard Haas
Executive Director	-	Guy B. Johnson
Associate Executive Director	-	Harold L. Trigg

In response to inquiries, Dr. Odum, Mr. Dabney, and Dr. Hancock, spoke of the excellent qualifications of Mr. Williams for the office of President and, on motion, duly seconded-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Paul D. Williams be elected President of the Southern Regional Council.

Miss Wilkins nominated Commander Frank W. Spencer, of Savannah, Georgia, for the office of Second Vice President. After discussion and on motion, duly seconded-

2. IT WAS VOTED that Commander Spencer be elected Second Vice President.

Dr. Clement moved, and it was seconded, that Dr. Gordon B. Hancock be nominated as First Vice President. Dr. Hancock expressed appreciation for the nomination, but said that he could not accept and that he wanted to see Mr. Young reelected as First Vice President of the Council. The motion was lost.

Dr. Clement moved, and it was seconded, that President A. W. Dent be nominated as Third Vice President. Mr. Dent said that he would like to decline the nomination, as he thought there was a distinct advantage in having Mr. Wesley continue in office, because of the tremendous influence he wields through the chain of newspapers he owns in Texas. The motion was, therefore, withdrawn by Dr. Clement.

On motion, duly seconded-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the slate as amended from the floor be declared elected.

Dr. Guy Johnson explained that it was desirable to have an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and on motion, duly seconded-

4. IT WAS VOTED that Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Office Manager be elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Msgr. McNamara presented the following nominations from the Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors:

Ira DeA. Reid, Georgia, to succeed Harold L. Trigg, who will become an ex officio member;
Howard W. Odum, North Carolina, to succeed James L. Robb, who resigned because of ill health;

David D. Jones, North Carolina, to succeed Horace M. Bond, who has moved outside the Region.

On motion, duly seconded-

5. IT WAS VOTED that Ira DeA. Reid, Howard W. Odum, and David D. Jones, be elected to fill the unexpired terms of Harold L. Trigg, James L. Robb, and Horace M. Bond, respectively.

Msgr. McNamara reported that the Nominating Committee recommended that the Board be enlarged and that the following be nominated for election as new members

of the Board:

Barry Bingham, Kentucky
Stanley Brav, Mississippi
Hodding Carter, Mississippi
R. P. Daniel, Florida
P. H. Easom, Mississippi
Gordon Gray, North Carolina
John A. Griffin, Georgia
J. R. Henderson, Georgia
Watts Hill, North Carolina
Maynard Jackson, Georgia
Armand May, Georgia
Alfred Mynders, Tennessee
C. H. Parrish, Jr., Kentucky
E. A. Penick, North Carolina
J. W. Seabrook, North Carolina
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman, South Carolina
J. M. Tydings, Kentucky
Aubrey Williams, Alabama
Marion A. Wright, South Carolina
Mrs. Warren Zeuch, Florida

6. IT WAS VOTED that the persons nominated as new members be elected to the Board of Directors for a four-year term.

The question was raised as to whether the nomination for Associate Executive Director was on the slate which was adopted. Msgr. McNamara stated that the name of Dr. Harold L. Trigg was included. In order to provide opportunity for discussion of Dr. Trigg's qualifications, on motion, duly seconded-

7. IT WAS VOTED that the nomination of Dr. Trigg be reconsidered.

Dr. Newbold commented on the high qualifications of Dr. Trigg for the position. Dr. Clement, speaking as a member of the Executive Committee, stated that for the past year the Committee had been aware of the need for a full-time Associate Executive Director. As Dr. Reid could not serve on a full-time basis, the Committee had considered several possibilities and had finally voted to offer the position to Dr. Trigg as the best man available.

On motion, duly seconded-

8. IT WAS VOTED that Dr. Trigg's election as full-time Associate Executive Director be confirmed.

Mrs. Hamilton asked that our Counsel, Mr. Leonard Haas, be requested to determine from the Income Tax Division of the Department of Internal Revenue within what limits an organization of this sort can take action in regard to legislation and retain its tax-exempt status.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 30

Meeting of the Executive Committee 34

The first quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10 A. M. Wednesday February 27, 1946. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, C. H. Gillman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Paul D. Williams, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry Havens of the field staff. Thomas C. Allen, Director of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, who was visiting the SRC, was asked to sit with the Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Guy B. Johnson in the absence of the Chairman, Charles S. Johnson, who is en route to Japan as a member of the educational mission to advise General MacArthur on the organization and administration of a democratic system of education in that country. Mr. Williams, the new President of the Council, was introduced and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams be asked to preside over the meeting.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, inasmuch as copies were mailed to the members.

Mr. Williams said that he was very glad to have this opportunity to meet with "the official family of the Southern Regional Council and to express gratitude for being elected to the presidency of the organization." He paid tribute to Dr. Howard W. Odum, the Council's first president, and said that he felt very humble to follow in his footsteps.

On a recent trip to Chicago Mr. Williams was invited by Dr. Will W. Alexander to meet with him, Mr. Edwin R. Embree, and Dr. Charles S. Johnson at the Julius Rosenwald Fund, where he had an excellent opportunity to talk with them about the problems of the SRC. Dr. Alexander later told Mr. Williams that the discussion had clarified some questions in Mr. Embree's mind and that he thought Mr. Embree was convinced of the part the Council is to play "in the upsurge of the South."

After these introductory remarks, other items on the agenda were taken up as follows:

PERSONNEL

Mr. Williams said that when he first visited the Council office before Christmas he was convinced that at least one additional staff member was needed to take some of the load off the Executive Directors. It was his opinion that Mr. Warwick would have to devote more and more time to the preparation of NEW SOUTH, particularly the special quarterly issues, and to other Council publications. Dr. Johnson said he agreed with Mr. Williams that another mature, well-qualified person is needed to help with the program. He told the Committee that he had conferred with a very able young man, a native of Louisiana now living in Washington, D. C., who was highly recommended to us, and who was considering the possibility of coming on our staff. If he does, Dr. Johnson said, he will serve first as a financial promoter to develop support particularly in the South and will be assigned

later to other projects for which he has special qualifications.

VETERANS SERVICE

Dr. Johnson explained that Dr. George S. Mitchell had planned to be present to report in person on the activities of the Veterans Service Division of the Council. It was thought wise, however, to send someone to Columbia, Tennessee, to investigate the race riot which was reported there the day before the meeting and, as he was especially interested in the fact that returned veterans were involved in the disturbance, Dr. Mitchell went to look into the situation while it was fresh. Dr. Johnson, therefore, read a brief statement prepared recently by Dr. Mitchell with reference to the Veterans Service program. (See attached.) The Committee also had an opportunity to see photographs, taken at the request of Dr. Mitchell, showing veterans participating in on-the-job training in the vicinity of Atlanta and elsewhere in the region.

Dr. Clement reported that he had been conferring with the Veterans Administration with a view to opening a Veterans Guidance Center at Atlanta University. He said it looked now as though a center might be established there.

Mr. Allen called attention to the fact that in on-the-job training it is necessary for the veterans to find their own jobs before they can apply for training. He suggested that this is one point at which they should be given help.

Dr. Johnson told of interesting reports which have been received from Mr. Harry Wright, of the Veterans Service staff, and suggested that copies might be sent to members of the Executive Committee. (See attached.) He said he felt that congratulations should be extended to Dr. Mitchell and other members of the Veterans Service staff for the progress which they have made.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dr. Johnson reminded the Committee that this was the study which was reported tentatively at the annual meeting in November. He said that "we are now at the point of seeing such people as the managers of the railway stations, officials of the Georgia Power Company, the health department, the mayor, and others to lay before them the findings of the study." As there are a few places in which improvement in the transportation situation has already been made, Dr. Johnson said that he and Dr. Trigg felt that it was very important for us to check further so as not to be caught in the position of going to these people to report situations which have been improved.

Dr. Johnson reported that, following instructions of the annual meeting that an effort be made to find money for extending this kind of service to other communities, he and Dr. Reid went to New York where they had a good interview with Mr. John Dollard of the Carnegie Corporation. Mr. Dollard felt that he could not recommend a grant for the project just as a survey, but said that he would like to wait to find what concrete results come out of the Atlanta study. It was Dr. Johnson's opinion that funds might be secured if we can show that improvement is made as a result of the survey. Mr. Williams thought that we should know within the next six months what these results are, and that if this necessitates the employment of extra help we should endeavor to find the money "to push it along as rapidly as possible."

JACKSONVILLE SURVEY

Dr. Johnson recalled that at the annual meeting it was announced that the

Council had been asked by a committee in Jacksonville, Florida, to assist with a survey of Negro community life in that city. He said that he and Dr. Trigg had made three or four trips to Jacksonville to advise with those who are conducting the survey. At his suggestion, Mrs. Havens told something of the background of the project. She explained that a group of Jacksonville citizens who had been very much interested in a survey of the Negro community in Miami finally decided to make a similar study in Jacksonville and to invite the SRC to act as consultants. Mrs. Havens said she thought that the success of the survey, which is being financed by a grant from the Community Fund, is due to the fact that the actual work is being done by Florida people. Other Florida communities, she said, have asked for similar help from the Council, and it was her opinion that perhaps the greatest advantage to the SRC in assisting with this Jacksonville survey is that it is setting a pattern for the improvement of community life.

Mr. Williams thought that it would be well to have a report of the bare essentials of the completed survey prepared so that not only the Executive Committee but the Board of Directors might see it. Dr. Johnson replied that the Jacksonville committee plans to publish the report in full and that he thought the Council might prepare a leaflet or pamphlet to send out with the report, explaining the technique and telling of the results of the survey. The topics covered by the survey, he said, are: housing, health and medical care, education, industry and employment, transportation, law enforcement and civil rights, recreation and culture, and welfare agencies.

Mr. Williams asked whether the report might be put in the hands of some journalist. Mrs. Havens replied that Jacksonville is in a fortunate position just now, since Mr. Ed Ray, the new Chairman of the Florida Division of the Council, is Editor of The Tampa Times and President of the State Editors' Association.

ALLATOONA RECREATIONAL PROJECT

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that in January a letter was received from a white lawyer in Cartersville, Georgia, who is a member of the Council, with regard to the possibility of getting a recreational project for Negroes at the new Allatoona dam, thirty or forty miles northwest of Atlanta. This lawyer wondered whether the Council might send a representative to assist in the preparation of a plan to be presented to the Army engineers in support of a request for a project for Negroes. Dr. Trigg, who went to Cartersville, reported that the Allatoona project is one of the services that the U. S. Army Engineers planned for the development of hydro-electric power and flood control, and the U. S. Park Service, he said, proposes to develop recreational areas. He explained that they are setting aside about four or five hundred acres for recreational purposes along the lake that is being formed. It was Dr. Trigg's opinion that one objective of the Council should be to get the white and Negro leaders of a community to form the habit of getting together on projects that concern both. He said that he had "asked the Federal people to let us in on all their projects in any state in the South in which they work." The Federal Park Service selects the site for a recreational center, Dr. Trigg explained, and the State Park Service is responsible for its development, so that "if there is any problem, it will be with the State Service." Dr. Trigg thought it would be desirable for a group of Atlanta Negroes to go to see the State Park Commissioner concerning provisions for Negroes in the State parks.

NEGRO POLICE

Dr. Johnson reported that we are cooperating in the effort to have Negro police appointed in Southern communities. He said that Asheville, North Carolina, recently voted to add Negroes to their police force. As was stated at the annual meeting in November, Negro police have also been added to the force in Norfolk, Virginia, largely as a result of the effort of a local Woman's Interracial Committee. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that although we have not yet been able to make much headway in Atlanta we are continuing our efforts. He reported that Mrs. M. E. Tilly, of our field staff, had worked with a number of women's organizations and that some of them had gone on record as favoring the use of Negro police. He said, further, that we had cooperated recently with the Atlanta Association of University Women who have had two programs on the subject this winter, and that we secured Mr. Henry Yancey, City Manager of Greensboro, North Carolina, as the speaker for one of the meetings.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council had supplied a petition which a group of Negro citizens has circulated and which they had presented to the City Council, asking that Negroes be added to the Atlanta police force.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that some inquiry might be made into the use of the auxiliary police who were used during the war.

STATE DIVISIONS OF SRC

Dr. Johnson reminded the members that we are committed to the development of state divisions of the Council wherever possible and that we now have two divisions: Florida and Mississippi. Florida is getting under way with Mr. Ed Ray, Editor of The Tampa Times, serving as Chairman. A meeting of the Florida Division will be held in the new broadcasting studio of the Times within the next two months, Dr. Johnson said. The Mississippi Committee on Interracial Cooperation, at its meeting on February 8, voted to become a State Division of the Council, and we are now in the process of finding a chairman.

Dr. Johnson reported that the Kentucky Committee would like to become a division of the Council. As they are very much interested in active legislative work at the present time, however, it is doubtful that they will come in as a State division just now. Since the Council and its divisions cannot participate in legislative matters under its charter, it was thought that the Kentucky Committee should become an affiliate of the Council rather than a state division. This would leave it free to pursue its legislative program.

We now have plans for organizing State divisions in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee, Dr. Johnson said. In North Carolina the State Committee has been in an unsettled state, but Dr. N. C. Newbold is trying to revitalize the organization and perhaps to combine it with the Division on Cooperation in Education and Race Relations. The Virginia Committee is a cooperating organization, he said.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Williams congratulated Mr. Warwick on the first two issues of NEW SOUTH, which he thought had a much more attractive format than the former monthly paper. He suggested that it might be helpful if we could get a newspaper man to prepare a series of articles concerning the SRC -- "its objectives, its democratic processes, its Christian ideals, its personnel." Mr. Warwick said that Mr. Caldwell of the

Associated Press had said that he wanted to send to his member papers very soon a special article on the SRC.

Mr. Williams also suggested that for one of the quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH we have "the finest, most courageous leaders of the three major faiths to prepare articles which would be a kind of appeal to the conscience of their respective religious bodies for a different attitude toward our Negro brethren."

Mrs. Havens said that when she and Dr. Johnson visited the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee, last year, the Dean expressed the opinion that not enough information concerning this work was getting into the theological schools of the South. He urged that more help be given the young men who are studying in these schools.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dr. Johnson reported that we had recently sent out between five and ten thousand cultivation leaflets as a part of the system which has been developed for cultivating prospective members. Mr. Williams asked that we consider the advisability of having a small membership card printed.

FELLOWS

Mr. Williams said it had occurred to him that if we could bring the SRC Fellows to Atlanta for a sort of clinic of one or two days they would feel that they were an active part of the Council family and would be able to do a much better job in the field. He asked whether the Committee would approve of holding such a clinic.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that a clinic be held for the Fellows provided funds can be found to cover the expense.

SURVEY OF POLICE SYSTEMS

Dr. Johnson reported that the Council is committed to make a study of police systems provided additional funds and a suitable person for the work can be secured.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Williams said that in reading past minutes of the Council he had noticed that provision was made for a National Advisory Board to act as a cooperating agency, but that nothing had been done toward setting up such a Board. It was his feeling that "if we had a National Advisory Board which would meet not more than once a year with a group of officers and members of the SRC we would be complementing certain organizations that are doing over-all, national jobs for the Negro and for the South and certain individuals who stand for forthright leadership nationally and, therefore, are interested in the type of work we are doing." Mr. Williams told the Committee that he had talked unofficially with several friends about this and found them most interested in what the Council is trying to do in the South. He felt that if we could judiciously select people who have good contacts and would be capable of giving us guidance this would answer the complaints of people who think we are an ineffective Southern group. He was convinced that such a Board would be a great asset to the Council.

After discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that, in compliance with the by-laws authorizing the appointment of a National Advisory Board, we recommend to the Board of Directors that such a Board be appointed at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Johnson suggested that we begin immediately to make up a list of suitable people to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Williams asked Dr. Johnson to prepare "a message of felicitation and good wishes to be sent to Dr. Charles S. Johnson in Japan."

Mr. Warwick told the Committee that following the annual meeting of the Council last November Mr. Caldwell of the Associated Press said he had always been interested in the SRC and thought that its meetings should be open to the press. It was his opinion that when meetings are closed people are inclined to be suspicious. Mr. Warwick said he would like to see us open our meetings to the press, for when they send their own representatives to get the story they give much more attention and more space to it.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

5. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee recommend that the annual meetings, with the exception of business sessions, be open to the press.

Dr. Johnson said that just as a reminder he wanted to say that at the annual meeting it was voted that the Resolutions Committee and the Nominating Committee be standing committees, and that they be appointed by the President. Mr. Williams replied that he would give this matter attention.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that it had been a pleasure to preside over this meeting and "to note the spirit of willing cooperation which exists." He expressed appreciation to the members who had come from a distance.

Following a prayer by Msgr. McNamara, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

REPORT OF VETERANS SERVICE DIVISION

George S. Mitchell

This is by way of a report on work so far of the Veterans Services Division of the Southern Regional Council.

I took the job on June 18, 1945. The first six months were spent in reading up on veterans' needs and benefits and on administration of services to veterans. Several trips were made in Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington. Gradually a program took shape involving two main lines of work:

(1) A survey of the administration of veterans services in the Southern states.

(2) Stimulus to vocational education, particularly job training and on-the-farm training.

The survey is about completed in Louisiana and Virginia and partially done in North Carolina. Alabama is now being looked at by Mr. W. B. Twitty. A forthcoming article by me in the New South for February gives the general background of services to veterans. It is intended in later issues to provide details state by state. The survey is really a means of finding out what the situation is and making acquaintance of the officials and of local interested groups who are dealing with the problems. So far as it has gone, it has turned up the following things which are needed.

(1) Much more Negro personnel in local offices serving veterans.

(2) Statistical reports in such offices showing their services by race.

(3) Improvement of USES on Negro placement in skilled and semi-skilled jobs.

(4) More participation by Negroes in the work of Selective Service Boards as reemployment committeemen.

(5) Opening of the American Legion to Negro posts in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. More Negro posts in states which already permit the chartering of Negro posts would be helpful.

(6) Some linkage of the many mushrooming Negro veterans organizations which are springing up.

(7) Much more vocational education to be made available to Negroes and old-timey courses to be replaced by training in new skills.

(8) Greatly improved police administration.

Job training offers great prospects, but needs much improvement. Few veterans know about it, and communities in general know less. If the program could be expanded and improved, it would not only do a lot to better the prospects

of Negro and white veterans in the Southern states; it would be the means of establishing in the South a well-rounded and effective pattern of technical education for all who would want it. Present bottlenecks are the matter of getting employers to take on trainees and the completely inadequate staff assigned by the State Departments of Education to the program. I hear that important efforts are being made to arrange for the U. S. Office of Education to subsidize the State Departments of Education in order that these latter may put on enough people to do the job. That means people to inspect places where training is being done and people to find new training opportunities. The administrative procedure is new, and a lot of work will have to be done to tighten it.

In an effort to speed all this I am trying to get far more veterans to apply for job training and its companion, farm training. At about the turn of the year five veterans were employed as field agents to do this. These men are Harry Wright, Ibra January, Horace A. Bohannon, W. E. Dixon, (Negroes), and W. B. Twitty (white).

Mr. January has northern Louisiana, and Mr. Dixon has southern Louisiana. Mr. Harry Wright has Mississippi. Mr. Twitty is in Alabama, and Mr. Bohannon is in Georgia.

Another Negro veteran, Mr. John W. Merkerson, has already been trained for this work during a recent lengthy furlough and is expected to be out of the Army and at work within ten days or so. He will probably be sent to Florida and perhaps to South Carolina.

Salaries of these men range from $200.00 to $275.00 a month, plus travel expense, which is heavy.

Their procedure is to travel to towns and cities with a proportionately large Negro population. They first interview officials in charge of job training or farm training. They then reach the more influential Negro leaders and some white leaders and point out the possibilities involved in trade training for veterans. In a good many cases the leaders whom these veterans have talked with have of their own accord set up informal organizations to follow through, but no special effort is made to get going a chain of local organizations. What is attempted is to get the word out that trade training is available to veterans and is a good bet.

Thus far, job training has been explained in four or five towns in north-central Louisiana. The south Louisiana man has only just arrived in New Orleans and has begun there. In Mississippi, good work has been done at Jackson, Clarksdale, Greenville, and at a number of rural points in the Delta area. In Alabama, Twitty is both looking into administrative services and pushing job training. He has been to Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Tuscumbia, Montgomery, and Mobile. In Georgia, Mr. Bohannon has worked with Negro state officials in charge of vocational agriculture at Fort Valley and Waynesboro, and has begun to push job training in Augusta. He has had to do a certain amount of individual training placement work for Negro veterans in Atlanta. Actually, he has gotten eight men into training opportunities, although he spends only an odd couple of days in Atlanta now and then.

A few other specific things of less importance have been done. We had a hand in working out a two-day meeting about services to Negro veterans in Virginia and a one-day meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. I have attended similar meetings at Fort Valley, Georgia, and Columbia, South Carolina. This office has also

handled perhaps a dozen individual Negro veteran cases for small services about claims and jobs. Several of the Atlanta veterans servicing agencies now call this office once or twice a week with a special case they have not been able to unravel and ask our help. I do not encourage this, but when we get one we do what we can.

Names and addresses of influential local people whom I or the field agents meet are made available to the Southern Regional Council, which gives them a free trial subscription (three months) to the New South.

You will see that great areas of the South have scarcely been touched. Nothing has been done in Tennessee, hardly anything in South Carolina, nothing in Florida, and nothing in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. It would of course be well if I could put on people to handle each of these states. The months passing just now are critical months. Several of the field agents now assigned can be pulled out of the states they are presently working in and put elsewhere, but this should not happen for at least two months. Present expenditure is at a rate of roughly $3,000 a month, which neatly fills the budget available until June 30.

I would welcome your comments on what is being done, and on ways to make the best use of time and effort and money.

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Director of Veterans Services
Room 424, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have just returned to Jackson from a visit to Natchez and Alcorn College.

I mentioned in my last letter to you that Mr. P. H. Easom, State Agent for Negro Education, had given me an appointment in order that I could meet the other State Officials concerned with the problems of veterans. Mr. Easom introduced me to Mr. A. P. Fatherree, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

After I had explained my mission, Mr. Fatherree gave me a complete lay-out of the whole agricultural set-up in respect to veterans. I am sending you a copy of the "Mississippi Plan." Frankly, not one thing is actually being done now, but I have respect for their "sincere" feelings toward their plan for veterans in agriculture. Mr. A. D. Fobbs, Negro State Teacher Trainer, will supervise the Negro Vocational Agriculture Teachers. I am making an effort to arrange a conference with him when he's in this area again. Mr. Fatherree and a few others with whom I talked are concerned about Mississippi being so late in getting the contract for their plan approved. I think that I'll be able to slip in a suggestion here and there since the "ground floor" is just being layed.

After leaving the State Capitol, I went by to get acquainted with the American Legion and the VFW people. In the American Legion office, I met Mr. Robert D. Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion. Mr. Morrow is one of those sort of persons who earn your respect right away just by his bearing. I explained the interest of my organization in veterans and asked him what interest was his organization taking in Negro veterans. He explained that the American Legion was working on plans to establish a department for Negroes in Mississippi, and that this plan had the support of most of the Legion Posts in Mississippi. He offered to give me an introduction in any part of Mississippi in which I planned to travel.

Mr. W. J. McCoy, State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was in charge of the Jackson office. In introducing myself I said that my office was in Atlanta -- he was born in Atlanta; knew about the SRC, so my program was sold to him right off. He explained that the reason why Negroes weren't admitted to the VFW posts or permitted to organize posts of their own was because the VFW feared criticism from the other veterans organizations. Plans are now under way to organize posts for Negroes. The VFW people are planning to write all the leading churchmen in Mississippi asking their opinion on the admission of Negroes; if their opinions are favorable then when or if criticism ever comes they can point to the advice received from these good citizens. Quite a clever idea. I have made some very good contacts with other sections of the state through Mr. McCoy. He has asked me to go by to meet some of the VFW fellows wherever I travel in Mississippi. I am going to his office Monday to pick up some addresses of VFW members in North Mississippi.

Before leaving for Natchez on Tuesday, I visited the office of the Secretary of the Mississippi Colored Teachers Association, Professor W. W. Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn is one of the best informed Negroes on the problems of education in Mississippi; he is employed by the State Department of Education as Mr. P. H.

Easom's assistant. Mr. Blackburn was able to give me a lead on the situation of Negroes in Natchez as he has worked in all the communities of Mississippi for the past thirty-five years.

I arrived in Natchez Tuesday afternoon. Through one of my old college rommates I arranged to stay at one of the very fine homes in the community. I made my approach in Natchez just as I had done in Jackson -- that I was just getting around to get acquainted with the good citizens, both white and colored, who could help the Colored Veterans get "out of the pool rooms" and off the (principal street for Negroes) and get settled down to becoming good citizens. I first met a few of the Negro leaders whom Professor Blackburn had mentioned and asked who would be some of the other people that I should meet. I made my way down to the local office of the Veterans Administration and met the Veterans Contact officer, Mr. Jimmy Clinton, a native of Natchez, cordial, easy going, friendly, and down-to-earth sort of fellow. We discussed all the usual problems. He said that as of 31 December, 1945, 1291 men from the Natchez Area had been discharged from the service; 645 of these were Negroes. Natchez had twenty men on Job Training -- five of these are Negroes. Mr. Clinton was interested in increasing the number of men on his Job Training Program, and as I was talking about "beating the bushes" for Job Training Veterans, I was one of his "fair haired" boys.

He said that I had his whole hearted cooperation in this sort of program and he suggested that I get a group of the leading Colored Citizens together before I left and that he would come around in the Colored Section and explain the opportunities for veterans. Naturally I was very pleased with this idea of his. He asked me to go by to meet some of the White Citizens who were interested in the Negroes. I went by to meet Mr. Joseph Dixon, a staunch American Legion man. Owner of the Dixon Novelty Shop; Mr. Dixon stuck out his hand and gave me a hearty hand shake when I mentioned that I had met Mr. Robert Morrow, State Adjutant of the American Legion, Mississippi. He said, "When you mention Bob Morrow's name among American Legion men in the South, you talk about a real man." He told me the whole history of race relations in Natchez, and pledged his cooperation to any kind of project like ours.

Mr. Clinton also asked me to go by to meet Mr. Robert Walcott, Justice of the Peace; I wasn't able to find Mr. Walcott in his office -- Justice of the Peace Walcott has the goodwill of most of the Negroes whom I met in the community.

I visited the local high school and was invited to speak at the assembly. A Miss Sadie V. Thompson is the principal of this school. Miss Thompson is an old woman who seems set in her old ideas and the school reflects her attitude. This is a handicap to the community of which the veterans are a definite part.

While in Natchez, Mr. Easom asked me to meet Mr. W. H. Braden, Superintendent of Natchez Public Schools. Professor Braden gave me a warm reception after I had explained my mission to Natchez. At the Negro High School, I had noticed a fairly well equipped shop and some of the cabinet work of Professor Jennings, so I hit on the idea of interesting Mr. Braden in working out some kind of training program for veterans in this shop; he felt that this was a worthwhile idea and when I left Natchez I found that he had approached the Veterans Administration with such an idea. Professor Braden said that if I should ever come back to Natchez that he would arrange for me to meet with the Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday night, I had one of the leading Negro businessmen, Mr. Marchant Dumas, druggist, to invite a group of the representative Negroes in the community to a meeting in his drug store to discuss opportunities for Negro veterans; I invited Mr. Jimmy Clinton, the Veterans Officer, to come down to give them all of

the information they desired. There were about ten leaders present. We scheduled the meeting for one hour; it lasted two and a half hours. Everyone fell into the spirit of getting the correct information to pass on to veterans. After the meeting was finished some few of the leaders were left talking to the Veterans Officer on the outside of the building.

I made no effort to try to organize a permanent committee. I felt it would have been a mistake at that time. Mr. Dumas promised to keep me informed on matters, and I felt if the thing just grew because of the seed of interest I had planted, it would be a more successful project. I'll see. The situation at Natchez fitted into the general pattern of the Veterans' situation in Mississippi that I described to you last week.

I went next down to Alcorn College. I wish every Mississippian could visit Alcorn. The neglect of State officials in not providing facilities for the education of Negroes at Alcorn College is a most serious mistake. I understand that the munition plant at Flora, Mississippi, was to have been an extension of Alcorn College; everyone, including the Governor, had approved of this excellent project. But a few words of objection from a few White People who lived in the community killed the whole works and as a result thousands of colored lads who braved the fury of the enemy all over the world are denied an opportunity to learn how to better earn a living. We have a long way to go yet.

Only thirty veterans are enrolled at Alcorn. Mr. William P. Robinson is chairman of the Veterans Committee at Alcorn College. Mr. Robinson is both able and willing to see that the veterans program at Alcorn is of real service to the fellows but the college is without both equipment and funds. President Pipes is most anxious for the fellows to get the most out of their program but he feels that without equipment and funds, Alcorn is not doing a successful job with veterans. There is hope for some funds by July, 1946, but in the meantime, I wonder just what will happen. This munition plant deal is something that should have the attention of someone who could work out some solution; this deal is most unfortunate.

I have arrived back in Jackson for a conference with Mr. Easom, Mr. Reddix, and veterans organization commanders; then I plan a two weeks trip through North Mississippi. I hope these reports are giving you the information you desire. Remember to let me know how I can improve my work over here. Please say hello to all of the SRC family for me.

Your friend,

(signed)
HARRY L. WRIGHT

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

May 22, 1946

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning May 22, 1946. Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Chairman, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, who only recently returned from Japan, was unable to attend the meeting because of pressure of regular duties. Therefore, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Paul D. Williams be elected to serve as Chairman of the session.

The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Frank Spencer, Josephine Wilkins, Paul D. Williams, P. B. Young, Guy B. Johnson, Harold L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, Mrs. Henry Havens, and Ray Warwick.

As the minutes of the February 22 meeting were mailed to the members, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

2. IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Williams, after welcoming the members of the Committee and commenting on the large attendance, said it was his impression that "in the office of the Southern Regional Council, at least, we have real democracy in action," with well-trained members of both groups working together. He expressed the opinion that if the Council is to go forward the portion of its program which deals with "social justice in relation to our Negro brother must receive a large part of our attention." Mr. Williams called attention to a new book, A Negro's Faith in America, by Spencer Logan, from which he read the following quotation: "I am a Negro American. All my life I have wanted to be an American." In his closing remarks, Mr. Williams expressed pride in the selection of Mrs. Emma C. Clement, one of our Council members and the mother of a distinguished member of this Committee, as American Mother of 1946.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

Miss Clay reported that the Council now has a membership of about 1400 and that new members are being added each day. She said that Dr. Johnson had requested her to make a statement concerning our income since January 1. This she did as follows:

General Education Board	$ 6,000.00
Julius Rosenwald Fund	
To General Budget	5,000.00
To Veterans Service Division Budget	20,000.00
Phelps-Stokes Fund	200.00
Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church	1,000.00

Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church	1,000.00
Board of Home Missions, Congregational and Christian Churches, American Missionary Association Division	750.00
SRC Membership Dues	771.00
Contributions	405.00
Miscellaneous-Literature	512.00
New South and Mailing List Subscriptions	383.00

Miss Clay explained that the membership dues and contributions here reported were received mostly from new members and that notices of 1946 dues would be sent out on May 23.

VETERANS PROJECT

At the request of Dr. Mitchell, who was in Buffalo attending a meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, Dr. Guy Johnson told briefly of the work of the Veterans Service Division. Dr. Johnson read some excerpts from a confidential statement prepared by Dr. Mitchell from reports of members of the Veterans Division field staff:

> January 16- Wednesday morning found me making the rounds of the various veterans organizations. The first was the State Veterans Office headed by a fellow named ----. I talked with Mr. ---- who is in charge in the absence of the former. He assured me that his office would act with fairness to any and all veterans who came in. Strangely enough, however, his office has absolutely nothing to do with the certification of firms for training. The authority is vested in the ---- Vocational School which will be discussed later. He gave me a list of schools (and of the trades taught; both very limited) in the city and I picked one at random and visited it. I don't know what I expected but I found: an old dilapidated building with virtually no doors or windows, a very poor heating system, and, most despairing of all, poor teachers and worse subject matter. However, here veterans are taught along with 7th, 8th, and 9th grade pupils. Conditions are really deplorable at ----.
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> February 22- In ----, the first thing I did was to call on the local State Veterans Service Officer. I was ushered in in the usual manner to see a Mr. ----. He told me of a very sad state of affairs in ---- as far as job training is concerned. He said that few or no white shops admitted Negro workers (he blamed this on the unions.) He also said that in cases where Negroes were in white shops they were only being exploited. He cited an example of a veteran in a furniture shop, supposedly taking upholstering. However, a visit to the shop proved that the boy was unloading and uncrating furniture. He said that the Negro businesses were not trying to help. He said that most of them were trying to see what they could get out of the program.

On the subject of vocational training he brightened "a thousand watts." He seemed very proud to relate that the School at ---- State College is giving Negro veterans training in shoe repair, auto mechanics, brickmasonry, and sheet metal work, while the vocational school in ---- (white) gave diesel engineering, electrical appliance repair, electric motor re-winding, radio repair, etc.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that he thought the Veterans Division staff was doing a fine job of checking up on what is being done for the veterans. He said that Dr. Mitchell had asked him to report, further, that he had just added to his staff a young man in Texas and that he has released one full-time man and employed two part-time workers in Louisiana. He also is contemplating the employment of a white Antioch College student to work in Virginia and North Carolina during the summer.

It is Dr. Mitchell's opinion, Dr. Johnson stated, that his division can be reduced by the end of the year to his secretary and himself, as he feels that the state and federal agencies will be doing a much better job by that time. Already five Negro coordinators have been added to the state pay roll in Alabama, several in Tennessee, and several in Florida. He believes that the work which his staff members have been doing is partially responsible for these changes. Dr. Mitchell reports that the national Veterans Administration "has opened up some," though in a segregated way, by putting in some Negro Guidance Centers. One is being established at Atlanta University and there are a number of others in the South, he said. Dr. Mitchell has expressed some concern over what is coming to be called "52-20 Clubs" among the veterans; that is, unemployed veterans who will draw $20 a week for fifty-two weeks. He thinks that the expansion of on-the-job training might help to overcome this.

After further discussion and on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Committee feels highly encouraged by the report of Dr. Mitchell and commends him and his associates for the splendid work they are doing.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that Dr. Mitchell had sent to the Negro press mats of pictures which he had had made of on-the-job training and that these had been used rather widely. He also called attention to two articles written by Dr. Mitchell- "On the Job Instruction Offered GIs", in the Norfolk Journal and Guide, and "Veteran in Search of a Peacetime Future," in the magazine Pulse - and to the booklet Post War Planning for Negro Veterans, a report of a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, in which the Veterans Division participated.

Dr. Hancock asked what success Dr. Mitchell had had in getting this material to the white press. Mr. Warwick explained that Dr. Mitchell was particularly interested in getting it to the Negro press in order to acquaint the reader with on-the-job training. He said, however, that it was rather difficult to get the white papers to carry such news. Dr. Hancock suggested that so far as possible "we get a closer contact with the white press of the South."

JACKSONVILLE SURVEY

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that the survey of the Negro community in Jacksonville, with which the Council staff has cooperated in an advisory capacity, has been completed and that he and Dr. Trigg and one of the local advisers from Jacksonville spent several days in the office this month editing the report and preparing it for publication. The finished report will be available in the near future and the Council will have at least one hundred copies. We plan, Dr. Johnson said, "to boil the study down and popularize it for a quarterly issue of New South, perhaps in September, "by which time we hope to begin to see tangible results. It is expected that out of the study will come a local continuing committee to see that action is taken on the recommendations, and the local people have asked Dr. Johnson and Dr. Trigg to meet with them next week to advise them on the kind of committee to set up. Dr. Johnson said that the Council had gained several hundred friends in Jacksonville as a result of the survey, which he hopes will become a pattern for community study. He reported that inquiries concerning similar studies have come from several other places and that he had replied that the Council would be glad to cooperate in such studies, but that a larger amount of money should be made available for the study inasmuch as it will not be possible hereafter for us to bear the expense of sending staff members to assist in planning and conducting the study. It was his feeling that at least $5,000 should be provided for a community survey. (Jacksonville had only $2,000.) Dr. Johnson said that he would like to have the advice of the Executive Committee concerning our future participation in such studies.

Mr. Williams expressed the conviction that our cooperation in the Jacksonville survey is one of the most significant things that the Council has done. At his request Mrs. Havens commented on the background of the survey and said that in her opinion one of the greatest results is the fact that through their own participation in the survey the Jacksonville people have become acquainted with conditions and, therefore, have a greater interest in improving the local situation.

After general discussion, Dr. Johnson offered the following recommendation from the staff:

> That we be authorized to encourage similar surveys in other communities and to take a direct part in them when asked to do so, provided we have the time and provided the local communities have sufficient funds to reimburse the Council for expense incurred.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

4. IT WAS VOTED that the recommendation be adopted.

Mr. Haas asked whether it would be practical to solicit independent funds to assist the communities in making studies. During the discussion which followed, Mrs. Havens said it was the opinion of the committee in Jacksonville that there is a distinct advantage in having the study financed by the community; the local people then feel that it belongs to them and are, therefore, more obligated to see that the recommendations are carried out.

Mr. Williams expressed the hope that we might get someone to do an article for a national magazine on the survey.

COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, INVESTIGATION

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that SRC began investigating the Columbia incident the day after it happened and had continued to check up on the situation. Late in March we got in touch with the Department of Justice and suggested a Federal Grand Jury investigation. At their request a copy of a confidential report of our investigation was mailed to the Department of Justice on April 6, and Dr. Johnson had a long conference in Washington with the Chief of the Civil Rights Section on April 8. The report has since been revised and will appear in the May issue of New South.

Dr. Johnson said that as a result of his interview at the Department of Justice, at which time the white primary and the Ku Klux Klan were also discussed, we have a good working relationship with the Department, and we have promised to send them any reports or observations on any confidential material which we may have on such subjects.

NEGRO POLICE AND POLICE TRAINING

It was reported that Richmond, Virginia, is making some progress toward getting Negro police. Two Negro officers are on probationary status at present and are not in uniform. Negroes have been added recently to the police force in Port Arthur, Texas, and in Ahoskie, North Carolina. Dr. Johnson said that we do not want to be too quick to claim credit, but that members in various places have told us that it was work started by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and continued by the Council which was largely responsible for getting Negro police in their communities. Dr. Young expressed some disagreement with this statement, saying he believed that the addition of Negro police to the Norfolk police force was largely the result of local efforts over a long period of time.

Dr. Johnson reported that some work has been done on a manual for the training of police officers similar to A Guide to Race Relations for Police Officers, prepared by the American Council on Race Relations for use in California. We propose to contact the Southern Governors Conference, Dr. Johnson said, in the hope of persuading them to get their various state departments of justice, state highway patrols, etc., to sponsor training courses based on the manual which we are preparing. We now have a list of police officers and sheriffs in the South who have shown some interest in the California manual, Dr. Johnson stated.

FELLOWS

At our February meeting the advisability of bringing the SRC Fellows to Atlanta for a sort of clinic was discussed and it was decided to hold such a clinic provided special funds for this purpose could be found. Mr. Williams reported that on a recent visit to New York he conferred with Dr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board concerning the possibility of our securing a grant from the Board. Dr. Davis was interested, Mr. Williams said, and had since asked for more specific information to be presented to his Executive Committee in June, at which time consideration will be given to our request for funds to finance the clinic.

STATE DIVISIONS

Dr. Johnson reported that at a meeting in Jackson on March 21 the Mississippi Interracial Council completed its merger with the SRC and formed the Mississippi Division. The South Carolina Committee already had an affiliated status, but at a meeting in Columbia on March 28 the Committee voted officially to become a State Division of the Southern Regional Council. The Florida Division held its first meeting in Tampa on April 26, at which time it was decided to center attention on a study of education in Florida. The members present at that meeting also passed a strong resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan. Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Havens reported that the meeting received excellent publicity throughout the State and in some papers outside Florida.

We are still working on the organization of a division in Louisiana, Dr. Johnson said, the Texas Interracial Commission is now showing more interest in becoming a State Division of SRC, and plans for the organization of Tennessee members into a State Division later in the year are in the making. Dr. Johnson pointed out that our chief need as we organize state divisions is for more staff to help with their programs or for enough money in each state to enable them to have at least part-time executives to carry on their work.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Dr. Johnson reported that the transportation study in Atlanta had been "put largely on Mrs. Tilly's shoulders." He read the following report from Mrs. Tilly:

RACIAL SEPARATION IN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The Study of Racial Separation in Transportation has been presented at the annual meetings of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, to the Augusta Interracial Committee, to the Georgia Council of Church Women, and to the Jurisdiction Committee on Christian Social Relations of the Methodist Church.

A committee of the Fulton-DeKalb Interracial Committee has been formed here in Atlanta and is appointing sub-committees to formulate action on the various sections of the study.

(a) Health aspects of the Study. A sub-committee will take the pictures showing the conditions of the restrooms at the bus and Terminal stations to the city health authorities.

(b) Public relations aspects of the Study. A sub-committee has been twice to see Mr. Mitchell of the Georgia Power Company about the handling of passengers on busses and street cars within metropolitan Atlanta. Two members of the Georgia Power Company staff appeared before the Fulton-DeKalb Interracial Committee and listened to the facts presented to them. They agreed to work with the Committee in the elimination of the trouble.

A sub-committee has been to see the solicitor about the impossibility of getting any conviction of drivers of the busses and street cars for rough handling of passengers. The committee is preparing facts to present to the Grand Jury.

The Study is to be integrated into the course of study which all Southern church women will make this summer on Christians and Race. It will be featured at the summer assemblies of church women this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commander Spencer referred to the recommendation in the minutes of the February meeting concerning a statement of church leaders and expressed the feeling that this is one of the most important things which the Council might do.

Mr. Williams read a letter, which came by special delivery during the meeting, from Mr. Philip Randolph, expressing appreciation for a telegram concerning FEPC received from the Council at the time of the Madison Square Garden meeting.

Dr. Johnson told of a request which we had received to sponsor performances of "Carmen Jones" at the City Auditorium. It was the consensus that this would not be advisable.

Mr. Williams recalled that at the February meeting it was voted to recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of a National Advisory Board, in compliance with the by-laws. He asked Mr. Haas, our Counsel, whether this could be done through correspondence. Mr. Haas expressed the opinion that such action would require a meeting of the Board.

After expressing appreciation for the presence of the members attending the meeting, Mr. Williams asked that Dr. Young and Dr. Hancock "say a word." Dr. Hancock suggested that Dr. Young speak for both of them.

Dr. Young assured Mr. Williams that both he and Dr. Hancock were delighted when he was chosen as President of the Southern Regional Council. He gave a brief review of the background of the Council and expressed the opinion that "all of us feel that we have in the Council a group of people who have dedicated themselves to the task of achieving social justice, not only for Negroes but for the white people and for other racial groups who may reside in the region." Dr. Young recalled a recent statement of the Governor of Virginia, who said that the white people of the South cannot prosper and be happy unless the colored people prosper and are happy, and the colored people cannot prosper and be happy unless the white people prosper and are happy. He was convinced that this is the general sentiment of all members of the Southern Regional Council, who want to work along broad, constructive lines on problems that may be solved probably not today or tomorrow, but in the years or months to come. Dr. Young said that the program covered by the agenda for this meeting furnished the basis for "remarkable action." He expressed the hope that the

Council might examine the situation pertaining to crime in the South, particularly in Virginia, where he felt that there was "a sort of tradition to bend over backward to be lenient with Negroes who commit crimes against other Negroes." He suggested that it would be helpful if the SRC Fellows could make a study of crime in the South.

Mr. Williams thanked Dr. Young for his remarks and requested Msgr. McNamara to offer a closing prayer, after which the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

October 29, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As usual, the minutes of the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee are sent you for your information.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

October 9, 1946

The third quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee, postponed from August 28, was held in the SRC Conference Room at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, October 9, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with the following present: Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, Leonard Haas, T. James McNamara, Carter Wesley, Guy B. Johnson, H. L. Trigg, Emily H. Clay, Secretary, and George S. Mitchell of the Veterans Division staff. Dr. Rufus E. Clement came in later, having just returned from an out-of-town engagement.

Since all members had received mimeographed copies of the minutes of the second quarterly meeting, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried -

1- IT WAS VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 22 meeting.

In commenting on the SRC personnel Dr. Guy Johnson said that only one change had taken place since the previous meeting: Miss Jane Martin of the stenographic staff married and moved to Syracuse, New York, in September. Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation of Miss Martin's efficiency and said that we regretted very much losing her. He reported that she had not yet been replaced, but that we are trying to find another woman for the position.

Dr. Johnson told the Committee that "The Council is about to suffer an irreparable loss because Miss Clay will be leaving the Council soon after the annual meeting to make her home in Florida." He said that "Miss Clay's contribution to the work has been such that no one person can replace her." Her resignation will be presented for formal action at the November meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Wesley-

2- IT WAS VOTED that a resolution be passed, expressing the unanimous opinion of the Committee, commending Miss Clay for her efficient and courageous work throughout the years she has been identified with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and the Council, and wishing her well in her new home.

Dr. Mitchell told the Committee that the field staff of the Veterans Division had decreased from eight or nine full-time people in the early summer to two now, with one who would be full-time except for illness. Two former members of the staff -- one who is teaching in the Atlanta public schools and the other who has entered Morehouse College -- are now working during week-ends at $8.00 a day. A young woman has been engaged for temporary work, Dr. Mitchell said, to see whether a pamphlet can be prepared on the basis of reports of the field staff.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that on September 15 we had a membership of 1483 and that 115 members have been added since that time, making a total of 1598.

Msgr. McNamara asked whether the Council's printed materials were used extensively to cultivate new members. He expressed the opinion that it would be helpful, with the pamphlets which lend themselves to study groups, if there could be appended a "break-down looking to their use by such groups," and that this perhaps would also stimulate a greater interest in the literature.

The Chairman asked what the relationship is between the SRC and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, and also between the SRC and the organization work which is being done in Tennessee by Miss Ella

P. Mims. Dr. Guy Johnson explained that the Georgia Committee, which was a part of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation and was a "going" organization at the time this Council was set up, is now affiliated with the Council. During the summer, he said, Miss Mims has visited a number of places in Tennessee, including Columbia, and is now organizing a Nashville division of the Council. It is our plan to call the Tennessee SRC members together a little later, Dr. Johnson stated, for the purpose of organizing a State Division of the Council.

Mr. Wesley asked what should be done in Texas to get a division set up, since Dr. Porterfield, who recently offered his resignation as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, is no longer active in the work. It was suggested that Mr. Wesley get in touch with one or two influential members of the state group upon his return to Texas to find out whether the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation would be interested in merging with the Council, or whether they wish to remain an affiliate. It was agreed that the most desirable arrangement from the Council's standpoint would be to have them become a state division.

Msgr. McNamara asked why the Georgia Committee had not become a division of the Council. Dr. Guy Johnson said that a strong state organization, which is able to raise a budget of some three or four thousand dollars a year, feels that it might suffer a financial loss by becoming a state division of the Council. In response to a question from the Chairman, Dr. Guy Johnson replied that Dr. R. L. Russell, a retired Methodist minister who is Executive Secretary of

the Georgia Committee and a member of the Council's Board of Directors, "carries on a work which not everyone could do; he knows how to talk to local groups and how to get their interest." As a result he has been successful in setting up a number of local interracial committees over the State. Dr. Johnson said that if we could have three or four good full-time field people on the Council's staff he was convinced that we could work out satisfactory arrangements with the state interracial groups.

Mr. Wesley said he thought that we should encourage the Georgia Committee to merge with the Council, and that Dr. Russell's leadership would be a distinct asset to the Council.

In reporting the financial status of the Council at the present time, Miss Clay called attention to the fact that an additional amount of $4,000 would be needed in order to balance the budget for the year. The total amount of appropriations for 1946, she said, has been less than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. She called attention to the fact that we have hoped to have a renewal of the appropriation from the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational and Christian Churches, but have not yet received notice of it. Dr. Charles Johnson, who directs the interracial program of the AMA, explained that when the Association set aside $1,000 a year for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and later for the Council, it had no definite program on interracial activities. Since then, however, it has set up such a program, with only a modest budget, and is no longer in a position to make a contribution to the Council's budget. It was suggested, however, that an effort be made through Mr. Charles Dollard

to get an appropriation from the Carnegie Corporation to balance the budget for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell gave a brief report of the Veterans Division activities. He mentioned the printed reports on the work in Alabama and Arkansas and stated that a report for Louisiana was about ready for the printer. Negro veterans are beginning to organize fairly rapidly now, he said, and a Council of Negro Veterans has been set up by the Veterans Division of SRC for the purpose of drawing together for periodic meetings heads of Negro posts active in veterans' organizations. A committee is selected from the Veterans Council, he said, to call on the head of the State Veterans Administration, the state superintendent of schools, and other officials to press for more Negro personnel and fairer administration of services. Such Councils are now in existence in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and we hope to have one soon in South Carolina and perhaps in Florida. Dr. Mitchell said that one purpose of the field representatives has been to agitate for the addition of Negroes to the payrolls in the states. So far the Veterans Administration has done nothing more than put a few men in Negro educational institutions as guidance officers. The states, however, are "beginning to give," Dr. Mitchell said. Florida now has five or six state or county Negro employees, Louisiana has one employed by the State Department of Education as a vocational agricultural teacher on farm training for Negro veterans, and Oklahoma has a few Negro employees. Alabama has done the best job, however, with twelve Negro coordinators.

Mr. Haas said that he would like to express his personal admiration for the fine work Dr. Mitchell has been doing and that he felt proud to be a member of the organization. This was the unanimous opinion of the Committee.

In speaking of the Jacksonville Survey, with which the Council cooperated earlier in the year, Dr. Trigg said that a Continuing Committee had been organized to see that the recommendations based on the survey are carried out. All the objectives are being considered, he said, and things are being done which the survey committee had not even planned to do. The Continuing Committee met in September, Dr. Trigg reported, to select the objectives which need immediate action and they are being pushed now. Dr. Trigg feels that the significant thing about the Survey is that the local committee made their own recommendations, which were accepted and approved by the local group before they were included in the report. Dr. Trigg said that the Jacksonville survey sets an example for Southern communities, because it uses the initiative of the local people and brings together the leaders of both races to work out their own problems. It is his hope that the Council can start two or three surveys in each of the thirteen states during the coming year.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that the Council received a grant of $1500 from the General Education Board which will enable us to bring the SRC Fellows together for the first time. A two-day conference will, therefore, be held November 14-15, following the annual meeting. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that some of the Board members would be able to attend the Fellows Conference to help with plans for the

coming year.

In speaking of the police problems, particularly here in Atlanta, Dr. Johnson expressed the opinion that "things seem to be getting worse." He said, however, that in view of the fact that the Atlanta Police Committee has recommended enlargement of the police force we are trying to organize some pressure to see that Negro police are employed. Dr. Johnson also spoke of the recent killing of Negroes on street cars and busses in Atlanta. Dr. Charles Johnson suggested that some of these cases might qualify for action by the Department of Justice. He thought that we would be justified in making a deliberate approach to the Attorney General.

Dr. Guy Johnson reported that following the Monroe, Georgia, lynchings we wrote the Department of Justice and Governor Arnall and posted a reward of $1,000. The situation is somewhat discouraging at present, he said, as the FBI have been on the case over two months and have not yet been able to find sufficient evidence to warrant the making of arrests by state or local officials.

Mr. Wesley said that because of antagonism against an anti-lynching bill many actual lynchings during recent years have not been reported in the daily press; as a result, the Tuskegee report, which is based on information secured from the daily press, does not include these lynchings. He expressed the opinion that "we need to be aware of the fact that there seems to be a distinct conspiracy among the news-gathering agencies that these things are not reported as lynchings."

Dr. Guy Johnson told the Committee that in September Mrs. Tilly brought together in Atlanta a group of Georgia women to discuss reorganizing the Georgia Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching which was a part of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The group will meet again soon to report actions taken by the various boards which they represent and to make further plans. They have already renewed the sort of pledges against lynching and mob violence which they formerly used, Dr. Johnson said, and the Methodist and Presbyterian women have begun circulating the pledges over the Southern states. Dr. Johnson expressed the hope that other similar groups would be set up within the next few months.

Dr. Guy Johnson raised the question of the Council's taking action in support of anti-lynching legislation and asked for an expression from Mr. Haas as to whether we would be allowed to work for specific legislation under our charter. Mr. Haas replied that such action by the Council would make it a non-tax-free organization. It appeared, from the discussion, that the Committee was of the opinion that at the present time the Council should not support any specific legislation.

Inasmuch as Dr. Clement arrived after the meeting was in session and said that he would be compelled to leave before adjournment, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried-

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Committee ratify any actions taken prior to Dr. Clement's arrival.

In speaking of the Council's printed materials, Dr. Johnson said that he thought it might be necessary to cut down the size of the

quarterly issues of NEW SOUTH to reduce the cost. He reported that a police manual is still in the process of preparation and that we are working, also, on a pamphlet which we think will be called SEPARATE BUT EQUAL, dealing with such problems as education and transportation. This would review the separation laws and would include an outline for use by study groups. The Methodist women's study groups, Dr. Johnson said, have indicated that they could use 10,000 copies of such a pamphlet among their women.

By common consent it was agreed that a message should be sent to Dr. R. L. Russell who is now in the hospital recuperating from an operation.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned.

EMILY H. CLAY, SECRETARY

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 12, 1946

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. Paul D. Williams, President, at 2:00 P. M. on November 12 in the Conference Room at Atlanta University. Dr. E. A. McDowell was asked to lead in prayer, after which Miss Clay called the roll. The following were present:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
R. B. Atwood
Stanley Brav
Rufus Clement
Virginius Dabney
Clark Foreman
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Gordon B. Hancock
Guy B. Johnson
E. A. McDowell
T. James McNamara
Alfred Mynders
N. C. Newbold
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
John G. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
J. W. Seabrook
Philip H. Shulhafer
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Harold L. Trigg
J. M. Tydings
John H. Wheeler
Josephine Wilkins
Aubrey Williams
Paul D. Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

Emily H. Clay, Secretary, Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Assistant Secretary, and Ray Warwick, Director of Public Relations, were also present.

Mr. Williams opened the meeting with some remarks in which he expressed appreciation to the Board for electing him to serve as president, and stated he felt it an honor to be chairman of SRC, which is alligned against reactionary forces in the South.

On motion duly seconded and unanimously carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board be dispensed with, as copies had been sent to all members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Clement was asked to bring the recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. They were as follows:

(1) That Dr. Patterson present the financial picture concerning the Council's budget, and lead discussion at the membership meeting, right after Miss Clay gives the financial report. On motion made by Dr. Clement, seconded, and carried,

2. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

(2) That joint memberships in the Council be established for husband and wife, and that dues for such memberships be $3.00 a year.

Dr. Clement explained to the Board that some Executive Committee members had been under the impression that an amendment to the By-laws was necessary for action on this recommendation, but this is something which can be done by the Board or members meeting.

3. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

(3) That all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

On motion made by Mr. Dabney, and seconded by Dr. Hancock,

4. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

In the discussion concerning this recommendation, Mr. Williams announced that a grant had been received from the General Education Board which makes it possible for us to hold a Conference of Fellows on the 14th and 15th, and he invited the members of the Board to attend.

(4) That the following projects be undertaken in the Council program for the coming year.

(a) That major emphasis be placed in the following fields: Law enforcement, police training, and prevention of violence--with the understanding that the Veterans Project might be continued, depending upon the decision reached by a committee composed of the President, the Executive Director, and Dr. Mitchell.

On motion made by Dr. Parrish, and duly seconded,

5. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted.

(b) That a pamphlet be issued by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups; this pamphlet to include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

On motion by Dr. Parrish, and duly seconded,

6. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted.

(c) That the Council urge the State units and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

Dr. Foreman moved, motion was seconded and

7. IT WAS VOTED that this recommendation be adopted.

(5) That since Miss Emily H. Clay has tendered her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer, her resignation be accepted with regret.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

Dr. Johnson and other members of the Board expressed regret that Miss Clay is moving away from the state, and all expressed appreciation for her fine service of twenty years with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and three years with the Council.

On motion made by Mr. Dabney and seconded by Dr. Foreman,

8. IT WAS VOTED that Miss Clay's resignation be accepted with regret, and that appropriate resolutions of regret be drawn up by the Resolutions Committee and spread upon the minutes of the Council.

(6) That Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Dr. Harold L. Trigg, Mr. Leonard Haas and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison be appointed to serve respectively as Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Counsel and Secretary-Treasurer.

In this connection, Dr. Johnson explained that he had told the Executive Committee that he would be leaving the Council sometime during 1947. He told the Board that when he came to the Council it was with the feeling that he was undertaking an emergency job, and that he had always felt that after the work got under way with a good staff he should go back to Chapel Hill. He stated he had recently promised the University of North Carolina to return and that as soon as the details were completed he would submit a formal resignation. He wanted the Board to know this in voting on the above recommendation.

9. IT WAS VOTED that the above recommendation be adopted with the understanding that Dr. Johnson may withdraw sometime in 1947.

ANNUAL MEETING

Announcement was made by Dr. Johnson that Turner Smith, Chief of Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, would speak at the annual meeting of members on the following day on "The Government and Civil Rights." Dr. Johnson outlined the program of the annual meeting, stating that the meeting would open with a statement by Mr. Williams, followed by a report of the years work by the Executive Director, Dr. Trigg would speak next on the work ahead, followed by reports by Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Harry Wright, Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Tilly. After luncheon the order of business would be: The Treasurer's report, Dr. Patterson's presentation of the financial picture, Mr. Turner Smith's address, the recommendations of the Board, and reports of the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions.

He also announced that the Resolutions Committee (Mr. Marion A. Wright, Chairman) and the Nominating Committee (Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman) would meet at 8 o'clock that night at Council headquarters. Miss Wilkins made the suggestion that the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, Continued.

reports of these two committees be read sometime during the morning session of the annual meeting, so that members may have time to think about them before voting on them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, made the Treasurer's report as follows:

Regular Account

Balance brought forward January 1		$9,484.42
Income: January 1 - October 31	$47,260.03	
Estimated November and December	1,889.04	
Total Income		49,149.07
		58,633.49
Expense: January 1 - October 31	49,217.00	
Estimated November and December	12,000.00	
Total Expense		61,217.00
Apparent Deficit		$ 2,583.51

Veterans Service

Balance brought forward January 1		$ 611.13
Income: January 1 - October 31	39,750.00	
Estimated November and December	4,000.00	
Total Income		43,750.00
		44,361.13
Expense: January 1 - October 31	35,225.61	
Estimated November and December	7,778.46	
Total Expense		43,004.07
Possible Surplus		$ 1,357.06

On motion made by Mrs. Hamilton and seconded,

10. IT WAS VOTED that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

In the discussion, the question was raised by Dr. Clement as to whether the balance in the Veterans account could be used for any other purpose. Dr. Johnson stated that under the terms of the grant there are no strings but that any transfer of funds should not be done unless the Rosenwald Fund approved. Suggestion was made that the matter of finances should be referred to a committee, and it was stated that the Council has had a Financial Committee, which has held only one meeting since

its appointment in 1944. Dr. Will Alexander, Chairman of that Committee, could not be present today due to another engagement, and Dr. Charles Johnson, one of its members, had gone to Europe on a United Nations mission. It was the concensus of opinion of those present that the Finance Committee should study this matter, and it was left with the president either to use the old committee or to appoint another one.

11. IT WAS VOTED that the present financial condition of the Council be referred to a Finance Committee for study, the decision to be left with the President as to whether a new Finance Committee should be appointed.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Williams told the Board that the Executive Committee in February, 1946, had voted: "That, in compliance with the By-laws authorizing the appointment of a National Advisory Committee, we recommend to the Board of Directors that such a Committee be appointed at the earliest possible moment." Such a committee, he stated, would sit in with representatives of the SRC from time to time in an advisory capacity. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Foreman, and

12. IT WAS VOTED that the matter of selecting a National Advisory Committee be referred to the Executive Committee, with the power to act, and that the members of the Board of Directors be asked to make suggestions to the Executive Committee concerning personnel for the Committee.

Some of the points brought out in the discussion were: Such a committee will indicate our willingness to receive enlightenment and guidance wherever we can find it; we may find other sources of income; we will be strengthened in other parts of the country; Executive Committee should make a recommendation to the Board concerning qualifications for personnel of the Committee, including residence, if this is to be a factor; election should come after approval of the personnel by the Board.

KENTUCKY PAMPHLET

Dr. Johnson called attention to the pamphlet recently published by SRC and the Kentucky Interracial Council, LET'S PULL TOGETHER, KENTUCKIANS, and copies were given to the members.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison, Secretary

NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To Members of The Executive Committee of The Southern Regional Council.

For your information here is the Schedule of the regular meetings of The Committee during 1947:

February 26	August 27
May 28	November 11

Please mark these dates on your calendar. You will receive a notice about two weeks in advance of each meeting.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
November 12, 1946

The Executive Committee met in the SRC Conference Room at 10 A. M. on November 12, 1946. The following were present: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Gordon B. Hancock, T. James McNamara, Josephine Wilkins, Paul D. Williams, Guy B. Johnson, Harold L. Trigg; Mrs. Inez B. Tillison, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Henry Havens, of the field staff. Mrs. Warren Zeuch, J. M. Tydings, Dr. F. D. Patterson and Dr. R. B. Atwood, members of the Board of Directors, were also present.

In the absence of Dr. Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who had just left for Europe on a special mission for United Nations, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director. On motion made by Mr. Haas, duly seconded, and unanimously carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that Mr. Williams serve as temporary chairman.

On motion made by Dr. Hancock and duly seconded,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of October 9 be dispensed with, inasmuch as copies had been sent to all members. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF MISS CLAY

Dr. Johnson told the committee that it was with a great deal of regret that he had to present the formal resignation of Miss Clay. He read her letter of resignation to the committee, after which there were words of praise from members of the committee and from visiting board members for Miss Clay's splendid service during her 20 years with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and 3 years with the Southern Regional Council as it's Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Johnson stated that it would be hard to find any two people who could take her place. It was the desire of the committee that a token of appreciation from the board and staff be presented to Miss Clay for devoted service, at the annual meeting. It was decided that Mrs. Havens, Miss Wilkins, and Dr. Clement serve as a committee to approach the board and staff for contributions toward the gift; that Mrs. Havens and Miss Wilkins purchase the gift; and that Msgr. McNamara present the gift at the annual meeting. On motion duly seconded and carried,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the resignation of Miss Emily Clay, Secretary-Treasurer, be accepted with regret.

Dr. Johnson told the Executive Committee that Miss Clay's name was being suggested to the Nominating Committee for board membership.

FINANCES

Dr. Johnson briefly gave the committee some general information concerning the status of the Budget of SRC. A complete report was not available, he stated, as the books were at the auditor's and had not yet been returned. He stated that the Council will have spent by the end of December between $62,000 and $64,000, and has received about $60,000. This will mean that there will be a deficit at the end of the year of between $2,000 and $3,000. He stated that he had written Dr. Will Alexander, Chairman of the Finance Committee, about this, and he has advised that we not ask the Rosenwald Fund to make up the deficit. Dr. Alexander also said in his letter that he did not think it wise to approach the Carnegie Corporation, to underwrite a deficit, but that it would be in order to approach them for an appropriation next year; that it would be best for us to ask the General Education Board to underwrite the deficit as soon as we know what it will be.

In discussing the finances and the deficit for the year, members of the committee suggested that some private individuals might be asked to contribute toward a fund to wipe out the deficit. Dr. Clement stated he felt that the board members and members of SRC would be glad to give more to the Council's work if approached to make contributions. The point was made that a large proportion of income should come from members and small contributors. Dr. Johnson stated that the first year the Council was organized, 90% of the budget was foundation grants, but that now 2/5 of the income is from members, church groups, etc. Miss Wilkins suggested that she felt it would be a good idea if there were a frank discussion of finances at the meeting of members. On motion duly seconded and carried, / Stopped Here

4. ~~4.~~ IT WAS VOTED that Dr. F. D. Patterson present the financial picture concerning the Council's budget and lead discussion at the membership meeting on November 13. It was decided that the logical time for this presentation was right after Miss Clay's financial report.

Since the Finance Committee, composed of Dr. Alexander, Chairman, Mr. L. D. Milton, Mr. Wilson M. Brown, and Dr. Odum, has not functioned - only one meeting having been held since the organization of the Council - suggestion was made that the present Finance Committee hold a meeting, or a new committee be appointed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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Dr. Johnson stated that requests had been received from couples who wished joint membership in the council and that the staff would like to suggest that the by-laws be amended to permit joint memberships of husband and wife at $3.00 annual dues. On motion, duly seconded and carried,

5. ~~5.~~ IT WAS VOTED to recommend to the annual meeting that joint memberships in the Southern Regional Council be established hereafter for husband and wife (provided that one mailing address is used) and that dues for such memberships be $3.00 a year.

FELLOWS LC underlined

Dr. Johnson told the committee that according to the By-laws, the Fellows in the Council serve for two-year appointments, and stated he would like to recommend that those Fellows who are willing to serve further be reappointed for another two years. On motion duly seconded,

6. ~~6.~~ IT WAS VOTED that all Honorary Fellows, whose terms expire this year, be reappointed to serve for another two years.

Mr. Williams told the Committee that he had felt very strongly the need of having a conference of the Honorary Fellows of the Council, and that he went to see Dr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board, which had appropriated the funds to make such a meeting possible. Such a conference, he announced, is to be held on November 14-15 right after the annual meeting at Atlanta University. He stated that he felt this group, which numbers 42, should be increased to at least 100 alert young people.

PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR L.C. underlined

Dr. Johnson outlined the program for the coming year and asked authorization that major emphasis be put on the following: (put (1) (2) + (B) on this line.)

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(1) Law enforcement, (2) police training, and (3) prevention of violence.

He stated that under this plan, the Georgia women's group on prevention of lynching has already been revived and work has been started on a manual for training of policemen in dealing with minorities, which can be ready in the next couple of months. The plan is to get it into the hands of the police departments; hold three or four institutes over the South on law enforcement, bringing in some of the sheriffs, police chiefs, FBI, etc.

In the discussion which followed concerning this proposed program, it was brought out that the Council, in order to carry on an expanded program, should have three or four full time field workers.

Dr. Patterson expressed the need for good practical education on the effects of the extension of the franchise and the desire that the Council in working through its State Committees accept that as one of its major responsibilities for 1947. After discussion, on motion, seconded and carried,

7. IT WAS VOTED that a pamphlet be developed and published by the Council which would discuss voting in the Southern States and the effect of extending the franchise to various groups, and that such a pamphlet include statements of prominent people, newspaper editorials, and signatures of responsible citizens for the purpose of allaying the fears which many people have concerning voting by Negroes.

On motion, duly seconded and carried,

8. IT WAS VOTED that the Council urge the state units and affiliates to make the matter of suffrage one of their major activities for the coming year.

In the discussion concerning the program of the Council for 1947, the question was raised as to whether the Veterans Project would be continued. Dr. Mitchell stated that he had not asked for more money to continue that program because it seemed to him that the job is, in a good measure, done. Suggestion was made that it would be wise to develop a statistical article on the status of Negro veterans, showing how many went into the Army, the number released, number receiving educational benefits, college training, farm training, etc. and put it into the hands of various groups. Dr. Hancock stated that he felt that the Veterans project should not be discontinued entirely. Dr. Clement made the motion, which was duly seconded and carried -

9. IT WAS VOTED that in the program for the coming year major emphasis be placed on the following fields: (1) law enforcement, (2) police training, and (3) prevention of violence -- with the understanding that the Veterans Program might also be continued, depending upon the decision reached by a Committee, composed of the President, the Executive Director, and Dr. Mitchell.

Dr. Johnson announced that Mr. Turner Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the U. S. Department of Justice, has been asked to speak at the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on "The Federal Government and Civil Rights". There had been no publicity, he stated, in connection with this, as the matter had to be cleared with the Attorney General, and final word had not been received. The Chairman stated that the executive is to be commended for securing such a person to speak.

Sample copies of the pamphlet Let's Pull Together, Kentuckians! were given to the Committee members. This report is a condensation of the report of the Kentucky Commission on Negro Affairs, of which Mr. Tydings was chairman. Suggestion was made that these pamphlets be sent to all the Southern governors. Mr. Tydings told the group that copies of the original report were sent to all the governors by Governor Willis of Kentucky, and that probably Governor Willis would also send this report to them.

Continuing with staff recommendations, Dr. Johnson announced that the name of Mrs. Inez B. Tillison was being suggested as a nominee for Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Miss Clay and that the office of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, be left vacant for the time being, until we can line up a suitable person to take that place.

DR. JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Johnson told the Committee he wished to make an announcement which would be confidential until the Committee decided what action to take, namely, that he had decided to go back to Chapel Hill and would be leaving the Council sometime during 1947. He stated that when he accepted the position of Executive Director of the Council he felt that he was filling an emergency, since no one else had been found for the job. He felt that his main job was to get the Council going, and now that the work was going smoothly he believed it was time to step aside and let someone else carry on. He added that the work is very strenuous for a person who is not gifted with abundant energy and that he had a selfish motive in part, in wanting to return to a less strenuous occupation. Mr. Williams said he was willing to overlook the small shortcomings Dr. Johnson feels he has in favor of the very fine qualities which everyone knows him to have--patience, kindness, loyalty, etc. He said he felt that Dr. Johnson's work would have more permanency and eventual good than another person who was spectacular and flashy, and that he had hoped he would consider remaining indefinitely. Dr. Johnson said that the decision to return to the University of North Carolina was so recent that the exact date of his leaving had not been settled, but that he would not leave earlier than March 1. As soon as the date was arranged he would let the Executive Committee know, but in the meantime he wanted the Committee to know of his decision.

Members of the Committee commented on how fine an executive Dr. Johnson is, his tremendous range of memory and knowledge of the field and his perseverance.

The suggestion was made that Dr. Johnson's announcement not be considered a resignation, as Dr. Johnson does not know the exact date on which he may leave, but that the Executive Committee recommend that the Board renominate him to serve for another year, with the understanding that if he does leave during 1947 he would notify the board in time to find a successor.

Attention was called to the Section in the By-laws which reads: "....Executive Director and Associate Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel shall be confirmed annually by the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee..." There was discussion as to whether it would be better not to pass the information on to the Board and members about the possibility of Dr. Johnson's leaving the Council next year. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion that there might be some criticism of the committee if the information were not conveyed to the Board and members.

On motion made by Miss Wilkins, duly seconded and carried,

10. IT WAS VOTED that recommendation be made to the Board that Dr. Guy B. Johnson serve as Executive Director for the ensuing year, Dr. Harold Trigg, as Associate Executive Director, Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison as Secretary-Treasurer (with the understanding that Dr. Johnson may withdraw sometime during the year.)

On motion made by Msgr. McNamara and seconded by Mr. Haas, and unanimously carried,

11. IT WAS VOTED that on the occasion of the withdrawal of Miss Clay and Dr. Johnson from their offices with the Southern Regional Council the Resolutions Committee draw up suitable resolutions for the minutes.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison

(Mrs.) Inez B. Tillison
Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting of Board of Directors
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
November 13, 1946, 4:30 P. M.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Paul D. Williams, Wednesday afternoon, November 13, 1946, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Exhibition Room of the Atlanta University Library immediately following the annual meeting of members. The following members were present:

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
R. B. Atwood
Rufus E. Clement
Virginius Dabney
John A. Griffin
Leonard Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Guy B. Johnson
Benjamin E. Mays
T. James McNamara
N. C. Newbold
C. H. Parrish
F. D. Patterson
John G. Pollard, Jr.
G. D. Rogers
Mrs. Eugene H. Spearman
Harold L. Trigg
J. M. Tydings
Josephine Wilkins
Paul D. Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Warren Zeuch

From the SRC staff: Ray Warwick, Mrs. Henry Havens, Miss Emily Clay and Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

At Mr. Williams' request, Dr. Patterson presided over the meeting. Dr. Clement, reporting for the Nominating Committee, of which he was chairman, read the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

Paul D. Williams, Richmond, Virginia -	President
P. B. Young, Norfolk, Virginia -	First Vice-president
Frank W. Spencer, Savannah, Georgia -	Second Vice-president
Carter Wesley, Houston, Texas -	Third Vice-president

On motion duly seconded and carried,

1. IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as read.

Question was asked whether these officers had been contacted to determine whether they would be willing to serve, as none of the vice-presidents had attended the annual meeting. It was stated that the Nominating Committee had assumed these men would continue to serve, as all of them have shown interest in the work and have attended meetings during the year even though not present today.

BUDGET FOR 1947

Dr. Johnson read to the Board a Tentative Budget for 1947 as drawn up by the staff. (See Copy Attached)

BUDGET FOR 1947, Continued.

After some discussion concerning the Budget, on motion duly seconded and carried,

2. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors accept the information regarding the 1947 Budget; and that it be submitted to the Finance Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for action.

On motion made by Dr. Clement, duly seconded and carried,

3. IT WAS VOTED that the Board of Directors express appreciation for the work of all the staff of SRC and for the leadership of Mr. Paul Williams as president during the past year.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison, Secretary

ESTIMATED BUDGET 1947

1. Based on Present Staff and Activities

Salaries	$40,000.00	
Travel - Entertainment (including Board of Directors and Executive Committee)	7,500.00	
Rent	1,560.00	
Research and Special Services	2,500.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	660.00	
Supplies and Equipment	3,500.00	
Printing - Literature	6,300.00	
Subscriptions and Clippings	200.00	
Postage - Express	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
TOTAL		$64,720.00

2. Additional Needs for Expanded Program

Conference Council Fellows 1947		$ 1,500.00	
Conference State Committee Directors		1,000.00	
Additional Staff		18,800.00	
3 field workers at $3000	$9000		
2 stenographers at 2400	4800		
Travel 5000	5000		
Additional Travel for Present Staff		2,500.00	
Anti-lynching Campaign		2,000.00	
Police Institutes		3,000.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL NEEDS			$28,800.00
GRAND TOTAL			$92,520.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1947

Foundation Grants	$37,300.00
Church Agencies	5,000.00
Dues	4,000.00
Contributions	5,000.00
Mailing List	1,000.00
Literature	2,000.00
TOTAL	$54,300.00

Estimated Budget Based on Present Staff and Activities	$64,720.00
Income for 1947 (Estimated)	54,300.00
Needed to Balance Minimum Budget	$10,420.00

Estimated Budget Based on Expanded Program	$92,520.00
Income for 1947 (Estimated)	54,300.00
Needed to Balance Expanded Budget	$38,220.00

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 13, 1946

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

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PROGRAM

Morning Session

9:30 A. M. -- Registration.

10:00 A. M. -- Call to Order by Paul D. Williams, President of the Council.

Invocation.

Minutes of the 1945 Annual Meeting.

Report on Membership and Finance, by Emily H. Clay, Secretary-Treasurer. (Dr. Patterson's statement)

The Council as I See It, by President Paul D. Williams.

Review of the Year's Work, by Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director.

Looking Ahead, by H. L. Trigg, Associate Executive Director.

Reports by Field Secretaries, by Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. Henry Havens.

The Veterans Service Project, by George S. Mitchell, Director, and Harry L. Wright, Field Agent.

General Discussion.

12:30 P. M. -- Recess for Luncheon.

Afternoon Session

2:00 P. M. -- The Federal Government and Civil Rights, by Turner L. Smith, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors.

Report of the Committee on Nominations, by Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions, by Marion A. Wright, Chairman.

Other Business.

Adjournment.

LITERATURE ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

We are not surprised any more by what we find in our mail. It may bring a request for a single copy of a leaflet which was published by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation fifteen years ago, or it may be an order for 500 copies of our latest pamphlet.

It is the requests for information that make us want to tear our hair sometimes. One woman writes: "Don't you think the Negroes are getting out of hand? Please tell me what can be done about it." From California a high school boy writes: "Please tell me all you can about the going on of the youth of the minority group." A North Carolina farmer, having read a notice about our pamphlet Machines in the Cotton Fields, says, "I want to know can you furnish me with tractor tire size 7-50-22 and tube for the same." Seriously, most of the requests are reasonable, and so far we have always managed to answer them.

The following tabulation shows the distribution of orders and requests by states since January 1, 1946. It does not include requests that come over the telephone or by personal visits to the office.

STATE	No.of Orders For Literature	No. of Requests For Information
Alabama	92	8
Arizona	6	1
Arkansas	22	4
California	47	6
Colorado	8	1
Connecticut	11	6
Delaware	1	1
Dist. of Columbia	23	9
Florida	37	7
Georgia	75	18
Idaho	0	0
Illinois	116	8
Indiana	23	2
Iowa	19	3
Kansas	26	1
Kentucky	38	2
Louisiana	43	3
Maine	1	1
Maryland	22	2
Massachusetts	16	1
Michigan	55	5
Minnesota	16	1
Mississippi	62	21
Missouri	9	6
Montana	0	0
Nebraska	7	1
Nevada	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0
New Jersey	32	9

STATE	Literature Requests	Information Requests
New Mexico	4	0
New York	133	30
North Carolina	86	22
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	45	7
Oklahoma	19	1
Oregon	12	16
Pennsylvania	41	3
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	35	10
South Dakota	2	0
Tennessee	96	21
Texas	90	12
Utah	1	0
Vermont	2	3
Virginia	65	15
Washington	11	0
West Virginia	7	2
Wisconsin	18	0
Wyoming	0	0
Foreign Countries	4	3
TOTAL	1498	272

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

Here is a summary showing the number of copies of Council pamphlets and leaflets which were distributed from January 1 to November 1, 1946.

Pamphlet	No. Copies
The Southern Regional Council: its Origin and Purpose	2800
America's Tenth Man	5200
Understanding Our Neighbors	6400
Economic Value of the Negro to the South	2100
Wanted: The South's Future for the Nation	11000
Wanted: A Healthy South	5000
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The South: America's Opportunity Number One	2400
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Leaflets	55000
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
February 26, 1947

The Executive Committee met at its regular quarterly session February 26, 1947, at 10 A. M., in the Council Conference Room. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Chairman, who asked Msgr. McNamara to lead in prayer. Roll was called by the Secretary. The following were present:

Rufus E. Clement	Charles S. Johnson	Harold L. Trigg
Leonard Haas	Guy B. Johnson	Josephine Wilkins
Gordon B. Hancock	T. James McNamara	Carter Wesley

Regrets were received from P. B. Young, C. H. Gillman and Frank Spencer. The president, Paul D. Williams, had planned to come, but just as the meeting opened, Mr. Williams informed the Committee that an emergency operation on his daughter prevented his attending. Staff members present: George S. Mitchell, Mrs. Henry Havens, Mrs. Inez B. Tillison.

On motion made and seconded,

(1) IT WAS VOTED that since copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, November 12, 1946, had been sent to each member, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and approved as distributed.

Mrs. Tillison reported to the Committee concerning membership and finances. She stated that since the annual meeting there have been 200 new members enrolled, bringing the total SRC membership up to 1800. She stated that following the establishment, on vote at the annual meeting, of joint membership for husband and wife, we have had between 40 and 50 such memberships.

Mrs. Tillison stated that at the time of the annual meeting it was estimated that the deficit for the year 1946 would be approximately $2,000, but that by holding down supplies, travel, etc. and by borrowing $1,000 on the advice of Mr. Haas, on December 31 there was a small cash balance of $538.58 in the bank, and an actual deficit for the year of $461.42. She gave the finance report covering the six weeks' period, January 1--February 15, 1947. (See report filed.) The report showed a cash balance on hand of $412.59, and after accounts payable were taken into consideration, a deficit February 15 of $2,274.64.

Report for the Veterans Service Division showed a balance on hand February 15 of $961.57. (See report on file.)

Question was asked as to how much in other appropriations are expected during the year. Dr. Johnson told the Committee that $4,000 is due from the General Education Board and some other small appropriations from churches. Question was also asked whether the General Education Board would not send the remainder of the appropriation at this time instead of July 1 when it is due. Dr. Clement stated he was of the opinion that they would send it whenever we asked for it.

Dr. Johnson told the Executive Committee that those present would remember that at the last meeting of the Committee he told the group that he planned to leave the Council and go back to the University of North Carolina, and the Committee voted to take that as information which would be passed on to the Board and annual meeting. About a month after the annual meeting, he stated, his negotiations with the University were finished and it was arranged that he would return to the University September 1. On December 12 he stated letters were written to Dr. Embree and Dr. Alexander concerning the Julius Rosenwald Fund appropriation for 1947. Dr. Alexander replied in part as follows:

> "As you know, the appropriation of the Rosenwald Fund for the Southern Regional Council covered a three-year period which expires at the end of this month. It would not be wise for me to go to the Trustees for an appropriation covering an additional period of years with the leadership of the Council in a state of uncertainty. Nor would it be possible to ask them to make an appropriation covering a short period, or an indefinite period, pending the final settlement of the future leadership of the Council. I am, therefore, not taking up with the Trustees the matter of further appropriations and shall not do so until the question indicated above is settled. I am sure that under the circumstances our Trustees would not act favorably. I thought you and the others ought to know this. I am sending a copy of this letter to both Mr. Williams and Dr. Odum. I shall be glad to have word when definite decisions have been reached."

Dr. Johnson stated he wrote Dr. Alexander that he had been reelected Executive Director, that he planned to stay until September 1, that if a new Director had not been lined up by that time he would arrange to stay on the entire year, and that he hoped this would clear up the matter of the stability of the Council for the present year. He stated that Dr. Alexander and the Rosenwald Fund, however, seemed firmly

committed to the position that the Council's directorship must be settled first. Dr. Johnson said he hoped that there might be a special meeting of the Executive Committee called to take up this matter, but that was not possible, and so it had to wait until this regular February meeting of the Committee. In the meantime, he stated, he had submitted his formal resignation in a letter to the president and members of the Executive Committee, asking that it become effective August 31, 1947.

In reply to a question concerning the Rosenwald Fund's attitude, Dr. Charles Johnson stated that the Rosenwald Fund is winding up its operations, is scrutinizing very carefully the last grants, and is limiting those grants to programs which are stabilized. The Executive Committee of the Rosenwald Fund wants assurance of the stabilization of the program of SRC, especially in view of the fact that Dr. Johnson's resignation is pending and there is no indication as to who will follow, he stated. The Fund, he said, in making its grants now out of remaining funds will want to make as long a provision as the funds will permit, and it has not felt that under the circumstances it could allocate two or three year's grant to a situation that is obviously unsettled with no indication of which direction it would be going. Even with full confidence in the Council Board, he stated, there could be other claims for those funds which might block the Council if it does not act promptly. He stated that the Rosenwald Fund does not expect any new funds to be granted after this year. He pointed out that the Rosenwald Fund Board meets on March 5.

Dr. Clement suggested (1) that the Committee try immediately to settle the situation as to a Director, (2) that another request be made to the Rosenwald Fund for a larger grant covering several years, and (3) that other foundations be approached for funds.

Mr. Wesley stated that he was impressed with the urgency of the situation and suggested that the Committee go into the question of a new Executive at once.

The Chairman said that in accordance with the By-Laws a Special Committee, consisting of Mr. Leonard Haas, Chairman, Dr. Rufus Clement, and Miss Josephine Wilkins, had been appointed by the president on February 13 to select an Executive Director.

Mr. Haas suggested that members of the staff present, with the exception of Dr. Johnson, be excused and that the Special Committee's report be considered. Mr. Haas told of the deliberations of the Special Committee and reported that certain contingencies made it impossible to present a final report at this time. After prolonged discussion, on motion made and duly seconded,

(2) IT WAS VOTED unanimously that the Executive Committee hereby empowers and instructs the Special Committee to make a selection of an Executive Director by Wednesday, March 5, from the names approved today by the Executive Committee, such selection to constitute action by the Executive Committee.

In view of the lateness of the hour and the fact that several members of the Committee would have to leave shortly, it was suggested that staff reports be postponed except for a brief coverage of important items. The staff members were asked to return to the room.

The Executive Director reported briefly on the following subjects:

1. Police Manual. Emory University is probably going to cooperate in working out a manual for police officers. This is desirable, Dr. Johnson said, because they would have much better chance of getting it used by the police than SRC.

2. An approach has been made by Mrs. Havens which we hope will result in Mr. Ed Ray, Chairman of the Florida Division, receiving an invitation to speak on the police and human relations at the Southeastern Sheriff's Association in Tampa next month.

3. Progress has been made in cooperation with the Florida Governor's Citizens Committee on Education--an official committee to survey public schools and bring far-reaching recommendations. Some of SRC people are on the Committee. Dr. Gray of Florida A & M has attended all the meetings of the Committee, and Florida Division of SRC has extended its cooperation.

4. Mr. Ed Ray recently called a special meeting of representatives of the press, both white and Negro, and of the Citizens Committee on Education mentioned above. State officials attended and discussed how to publicize the report and get

action on it. Dr. Guy Johnson spent two days in Tallahassee in January conferring with state officials, on invitation from the Department of Education.

5. The man-on-the-street poll. Mr. Slade of the SRC staff made a survey the latter part of 1946, asking questions on what the man-on-the-street thought about the present situation in regard to race relations, whether conditions were better or worse than they were before the war, etc. About 400 Negroes in Atlanta were interviewed. A young man from Emory is now interviewing white people, and the final results of this poll will be useful in certain local action phases of our work.

Dr. George S. Mitchell reported briefly on a successful effort to get the Veterans Administration to set up its statistical procedures so that data according to race would be recorded. Dr. Trigg and Mrs. Havens also made brief comments. Mrs. Havens reported that the Florida and South Carolina Divisions have both employed field workers recently and have set goals of 1,000 and 800 new members respectively for 1947. Attention was called to the fact that the Kentucky Interracial Council has become a state division of the SRC.

Msgr. McNamara suggested that the Council issue a statement on the White Primary legislation which has just been passed by the General Assembly of Georgia. On motion made and duly seconded,

(3) IT WAS VOTED that a statement expressing our regret over the passage of the Georgia White Primary law and reaffirming our policy on this moral issue be prepared by the Executive Director and given to the press.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that there was not enough money in the Treasury to cover the pay roll on Friday, February 28, and that he would like to have a recommendation from the Executive Committee concerning this. On motion made by Mr. Wesley and seconded by Miss Wilkins,

(4) IT WAS VOTED that the officers charged with the responsibility of carrying on the office be empowered to borrow $1,500 to cover this emergency and such other funds, not to exceed $4,000, to carry on the work until we can secure the contributions which we now anticipate, or until the next meeting of this committee, whichever is earlier.

Dr. Guy Johnson stated that for the last two years a meeting of the Directors of the State Committees had been held the latter part of February, but due to the lack of funds one has not been called this year. He stated that it is important that a meeting of the SRC state division heads, at least, be held sometime soon so that uniform procedures can be worked out. Mr. Wesley stated he felt it was important to include also those states where there was not affiliation. Dr. Johnson told him that these had been included in the meetings held in 1945 and 1946 and that if funds are available they will be included again this year.

A written report prepared by Mrs. M. E. Tilly, who was representing the SRC at the meeting of the Mississippi Division, was not read because of lack of time.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Inez B. Tillison

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Secretary-Treasurer

REQUEST

to the

FORD FOUNDATION

from the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

May, 1951

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INTRODUCTORY: THE SOUTH IN A WORLD OF CRISIS

A hundred and fifty years ago the nation began to build two economies, two social and political systems, increasingly separated until the time of the Civil War. In 1865 the legal institution of slavery was made to give way and the country prepared itself, in law, for the adoption throughout the South of the institutions of the general American society. The process of adoption has advanced in industry and commerce. It has lagged in agriculture, and it has lagged dangerously in political arrangements and human relations.

This lag seriously weakens the nation as a whole. Most obvious perhaps is the disproportionate influence of the South in the nation's government. The narrow electorates of the Southern states have frequently pushed to prominence men ill-conditioned to cope with modern problems. Their defense of racial inequality and injustice has made itself heard throughout the world; their skill at parliamentary delay and obstruction sometimes paralyzes our whole legislative process. Time and time again, the expressed will of the American people has been thwarted by this unrepresentative minority.

A second problem of national scope is posed by the increasing migration of Southerners to other parts of the country. Among these migrants is the cream of the South's human resources — able, well-educated persons of both races who are dissatisfied with their region's economic and social backwardness. Their talents, skills, and leadership, so sorely needed at home, find their richest expression elsewhere.

A far greater number bear with them from the South the burdens of poverty, poor health, limited education, and a stunted view of society. They ar-

rive in large cities of the North and West ill-equipped for the specialized demands of urban industrial life. Worst of all, they are followed by the same problems that have contributed so heavily to the South's under-development. It is disturbing to see how readily the conventional white Southern attitudes on matters of race take root in other regions. Even where discrimination has no sanction in law, an extra-legal pattern of inequality has asserted itself; Negroes are crowded into substandard neighborhoods, are denied employment opportunities, and are forbidden access to a substantial number of public and private facilities. Such conditions inevitably breed interracial friction and violence.

These problems are not new, and in ordinary times they might seem no more pressing than they have been for some years. But these are not ordinary times. As anyone sensitive to world opinion must realize, the hope for peace, the very hope for survival of our civilization, depends largely on the vitality of America's democratic institutions. Communist propaganda, which exploits to the full every evidence of second-class citizenship in this country, can be effectively refuted only by vigorous, everyday application of our country's ideals. Notoriously, the undemocratic arrangements in the South and their manifestation in the rest of the country breed for us distrust among the two-thirds of the world's people who are dark-skinned and whose bringing over to democratic institutions and personal liberty is an all-compelling task. Ours is mainly a Caucasian country; that makes all the more pressing our obligation to demonstrate, at home and abroad, that American democracy knows no preferred race.

That task is equally essential to our own unity as a people. The present state of national emergency, which promises to endure for a period of years, puts unusual strains on intergroup relations. Negro citizens are needed more and more in our productive manpower. As soldiers, as production workers, as private citizens, they are called on to bear their part of sacrifice and devoted effort. There is no doubt that Negroes will fulfill this obligation, as

they have before, to the extent that they are permitted to do so. But the qualities of loyalty, ability, and creative talent required for this performance are precisely those which have been crushed down by the weight of the South's outworn traditions. This ceiling on initiative and skill must be removed with all the speed compatible with the orderly functioning of our society.

Negroes themselves are no longer patient with the restrictions on their citizenship. They are challenging those restrictions with increasing vigor. The last decade has brought heightened pressure for civil rights legislation, legal attacks on segregation, and momentous Supreme Court decisions. As a result, segregation is beginning to crack — though slowly and with the fiercest opposition from the South's most powerful elements. Welcome as today's legal gains are, they are accompanied by demagoguery and division which gravely threaten our national well-being. The final test is how quickly and effectively legislation and judicial rulings can be translated into justice for the individual in his everyday life.

The uninterrupted tenor, the truly imposing array, of judicial decisions upholding Negro rights, may be met by the white South in one of two ways: complete and unreserved acceptance or grudging compliance to the extent only that public officials are not jailed for contempt of court. The latter course would amount to guerilla warfare long continued and fought over every sector of rights of minorities. Shrewd and cunning men may conduct rear guard actions for as long as such a course yields spoils of war — in this case, votes and power. There should exist in the South a powerful and articulate voice of conscience, capable of guiding and informing public opinion to the end that such sordid maneuvers are sternly and promptly rebuked.

In any event, the adjustments are going to be severe. They will be made in many fields: politics, education, government (including state and local), entertainment and recreation, private and public services to an unsegregated

army, employment, travel, and agriculture; in all these there will be innovation, growth, friction. The effects will need skilled attention, especially in this region, which has the largest minority group population in the United States.

For these reasons and more, it is imperative that those who have faith in a common Southern citizenship be enabled to put their thought and energy to full service. This is a proposal to make that possible.

II

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Southern Regional Council proposes flexible machinery designed to bring maximum improvement in a region which has within itself great diversity, which presents special and complex problems in human relations, and in which little of this kind has yet been attempted.

The advantages of the structure outlined below are its adaptability to local conditions and its susceptibility to growth and change in the light of additional knowledge and experience. The proposal comprehends:

1. A network of trained, competent, professional persons of both races working in each Southern state as agents of improvement in public life.

2. Staff in the Atlanta office of the Southern Regional Council to direct and service the field people.

3. Interpretation of appropriate research findings from universities and other centers to the practical situations with which the action program will be concerned.

4. A continuous program of public education and information, in which the Southern Regional Council will draw on the experience and findings of both the action program and independent research in human relations.

The particulars of this approach and its special applicability to the South will be discussed in the succeeding sections.

III

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL: ORGANIZATION

The Southern Regional Council was in large measure an outgrowth of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, founded in 1919 out of the racial troubles which came after the first World War. In the civic restlessness which accompanied the second World War, the friends of the Commission's work, with many others, set up in 1944 the Southern Regional Council. Its stated goal is to obtain by research and action the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all people of the region.

The Council works within a region having the broadest range of conditions, from plantation feudalism to Oak Ridge industrialism. It is composed for the most part of middle-class people -- some 3100 dues-paying members. They are nearly all educated persons and hold responsible positions in their communities. They are ministers, teachers, college presidents, leading church women, business men, doctors, and the like. By and large, they are circumspect people who, out of conscience, reject the Southern taboos on interracial effort. Probably half of them are white and half Negro.

Members in nine states have come together as State Divisions of the Southern Regional Council. Those bodies elect their officers and governing committees and work out their own policy and program within the broad objectives of the Council as a whole. Their treasuries are made up mainly from the return to them of half of the $3.00 annual dues paid to the Council. In three other states, the Council works in close association with surviving quasi-independent state interracial committees.

The Council is governed by an able and representative board, with quarterly meetings of the board's executive committee. Such distinguished leaders

as Dr. Will W. Alexander, Dr. Charles Johnson, Dr. Howard Odum, Ralph McGill, and many others, have been intimately associated with the growth and work of the Council. The organization is strictly non-political and enjoys the U. S. Treasury's official letter of tax exemption dated July 28, 1947.

The Southern Regional Council is a suitable base upon which to build a major program of human relations in the South for the following reasons:

1. It is a going organization with staff, books, files, experience, and reputation. An entirely new organization would need many months, probably a year or more, merely to get under way.

2. It is the only organization of its kind in the South. It is genuinely inclusive. Its membership draws no lines of race, color, or class. Its board of directors includes persons distinguished in all of the main religious groups, in industry, commerce, agriculture, and labor. It draws strength from every state in the South. There is no other body in the South which ties together in this way Protestants, Catholics, and Jews; Negroes, Indians, and whites; teachers and clergymen; industry and organized labor.

3. The Council has deep roots in the South. As successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in friends and in standing it goes back thirty years. Across the region in every state, the people who have been active in this movement are the people whose support would be necessary to any program of this general kind. The Council receives cordial attention from influential persons in the press (white and Negro), in Federal and state and local government, in business, in organized labor, in the agricultural services, in church bodies, in the colleges and universities, in the public school systems, and in professional social welfare circles. Settled and trusted friendships of this kind have always heretofore been a prerequisite to success in the human relations field.

4. It has always worked responsibly and in good faith. It has stayed

away from resounding, self-righteous statements and has tried in every situation to reach a solution which would bring gain to the region as a whole. It has constantly been in touch both with developing modern thought about the problems of intergroup relations and with people in communities where ideas and practices in this field have changed little in many years.

5. The Council has watched and studied and collected facts about, and has taken part in, the sweeping changes in the South in industry, in farming, in education, in housing, in health, in labor organization, and so on. That gives the organization a background from which to judge the use of new trends, new problems, and new events.

6. The Council has put out a long series of publications which have a reputation of trustworthiness. They are widely used in schools and colleges and churches — which is to say that its imprint is established and accepted.

7. The Council has been scrupulous about its tax-exempt status as an educational and non-political organization. It does not lobby, organize campaigns to support specific bills, or praise or denounce candidates for public office.

In summary: Being natively Southern, the Council escapes the stigma of "outside interference"; being truly representative of both races, it works for honest agreement that does not violate principle or self-respect; being closely in touch with the best modern thought in this field, it avoids the errors of a shortsighted vision that ends at the Mason and Dixon line.

IV

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL: ACTIVITIES

The day-to-day activities of the Council, both the Atlanta office and the local membership, have covered a broad range. A monthly publication, New South, keeps members, other interested persons, and the public informed about current problems and progress. In addition, the Council has prepared and distributed pamphlets, running to hundreds of thousands of copies, which set out the facts about Southern health, housing, education, law enforcement, race relations, etc. It has made its files available to the press, to public and private agencies, and to individuals who need to be informed; hardly a week goes by that the Council is not called upon to provide the background for an article or news story that will reach a large audience. It has published, too, the results of careful investigations of incidents involving mob violence.

The Council's members are useful in their communities in countless ways. They press for better schools and recreational facilities, impartial justice, fairer administration of public services, and the other things which make for a common citizenship. Quite importantly, they provide a Southwide network of conscientious people who are alert to the signs of violence and know what to do to avert it.

These are some of the steady, continuing functions of the Council. Added to them are the specific projects developed to meet special need or special opportunity. Whenever the Council has seen a chance to speed growth and equality, it has pushed hard at that point. Here are examples out of the last few years:

Among the most important of the Southern Regional Council's special programs is its work with the church women of the South. This activity follows the pattern set by the Interracial Commission's affiliate, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. That organization worked long and fruitfully to reduce the number of lynchings and to see justice done; it played an important part in bringing down the annual number of these atrocities from thirty or forty in the 1920's to the one or two of today. Though formal lynching has declined, related problems persist; discrimination in the courts, police brutality, and official intimidation. Under the leadership of Mrs. M. E. Tilly — a member of the Council's staff who served on the President's Civil Rights Committee — church women of many denominations from all parts of the South have been brought together as a "Fellowship of the Concerned." Thousands of them have pledged themselves to visit their local courts and work for fair and impartial justice; to inspect conditions in their local jails; and to be alert for preventive action at the first threat of interracial violence. This organized body of conscience and moral courage is one of the most promising developments in the South today.

The Interracial Commission encouraged Southern towns and cities to employ Negro policemen. The advantages are obvious, but politics and prejudice have usually stood in the way. In 1947, after correspondence with police authorities over the South, the Council published a table of Southern places that used Negro police, comments by police chiefs, and an account of Greensboro's (N.C.) experience with the practice. There were then 41 cities in 10 states, and a total of about 125 Negroes on the police forces. That publication has been circulated in city after city as the issue came to decision. In September 1950 the figures were 427 Negro policemen in 77 cities, with every Southern state represented. Other factors played their part in getting this

practice adopted — most importantly, the growing Negro vote. But the Council supplied the facts, robbed the prejudiced opposition of their arguments, and in place after place converted a hope into a documented case for progress. It has been gratifying to observe the regularity with which people in the towns where the issue comes up write to the Council and ask for the materials which will enable them to persuade a reluctant police committee of their city council.

As to civil rights, the Report of the President's Committee had a hostile and inaccurate press in the South. Yet the document was certainly one whose lessons the South had to learn. The Council went patiently about the job. It prepared a simple digest of the Report, of which many thousands of copies have been sold each year, and an accompanying manual called "The Condition of Our Rights" which backs up points in the Report with facts from Southern places. The Report has been the main subject of two Southwide meetings of church women arranged by the Council; one of them, featuring Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as guest of honor, drew nationwide attention. In September 1948 the executive committee issued a constructive statement titled "An Honest Answer in the Civil Rights Controversy." Several Southern newspapers carried the lengthy statement in full and most others used the wire-service stories on it. The Council has not calmed the tempest, but it has been successful in getting a sane point of view clearly put before the South. Given added resources, the Council could greatly increase and intensify the impact of its work in this field.

A share in policy making. In 1949 the Governor of North Carolina took the unprecedented step of appointing a Negro to the state school board. He happened to be the former Associate Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. The appointment was of the very greatest significance, as the

precedent, if followed, could work wonders in releasing the civic energies of the Negroes of the South, and in building among both races a responsible and understanding common citizenship. The Council's executive committee wrote in praise of this act to each of the Southern Governors, and published the letter widely. Many Council members took on the task of getting the practice adopted. In other states, and in various cities and counties, the precedent broadens. The Council cherishes each gain, keeps a public record of them all, and continues to urge on the South the justice and wisdom of building in this way true democracy.

Self-Surveys. There is no better device for fostering local democratic practices than the process of fact-finding and corrective follow-up by representative persons in the community itself. The Council urges and assists Southern towns to form, with the greatest care, local bi-racial committees. Once formed, the survey committee itself, with the aid of local volunteers, goes out and counts the houses and views the plumbing. It writes up the schools and the parks, the busses and the sewers. It publishes a report — which the town really notices — and it forms a follow-up committee to meet periodically, cross off the recommendations accomplished, and plan continuing action. This is what the chairman said in Greenville, S. C., when the survey there was completed:

"The best thing about the survey was that it got people together. We didn't know each other well enough. Now we do. Meeting and working together — not as people of two races, but as citizens with a common purpose — has been a release and a relief."

The Council makes available a manual for such self-surveys, works through its staff and members to get other towns to undertake them, and offers technical assistance and guidance at every stage.

Race in the News. Two years ago there were signs that many Southern newspapers would like to do a more decent job of handling news about Negroes. None of them knew quite how. The Council got an able young journalism teacher to analyze some one thousand representative clippings, from which he sifted out the five main ways of doing harm with a newspaper in a bi-racial society. The result was a booklet, called "Race in the News." It is in newspaper language, is persuasive, and has a helpful dash of wit. When it had been in print three days, the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association requested enough copies to send one to every daily paper in the South. Such periodicals as Time and Newsweek helped make it widely known through their columns. The Council sent a copy to each of the two thousand county weekly newspapers in the South. Local committees of Council members called on their editors and urged the adoption of the standards set forth in "Race in the News."

The change in eighteen months' time is remarkable. A great many papers are, for the first time, printing pictures of Negroes not in the hands of the law. They use courtesy titles. They say "Negro" and not "negro". They seek out newsworthy Negro activities. They accord dignity. Many papers, of course, do as they always did, but in most cities one or another of the papers has ceased to be a daily fountain of prejudice and is spreading acquaintance and respect.

Professional associations. The Council has long encouraged the broadening of the principle that profession knows no color. The social workers first adopted this principle, then the nurses, then the librarians. Last year the Florida Medical Society abolished its racial qualifications. The Council gathered the facts on each of seven major professional associations in each of the thirteen Southern states. These were published in New South and distributed to our members, the newspapers, and appropriate leaders in the pro-

fessions. There is already evidence that this spotlighting of the facts will do much to speed the letting down of that heavy barrier to equality.

School facilities. Three years ago a series of Federal court decisions in Virginia made it perfectly clear that the law required entirely equal facilities wherever a state tried to maintain separate schools -- that delay and evasion would no longer work. The Council had the dramatic events in King George County, Virginia, carefully described by the Secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches. This account, together with an estimate of the cost of equal facilities state by state, was published and sent to every state and county superintendent of schools in the South. It put them on notice that they had a very heavy expense coming up, and it argued also for agreement with Negro citizenship as to a program to follow. The Council thus got the facts out to the right people in a way they could understand.

These are examples, briefly described, of the kind of activity which the Southern Regional Council has carried on in the past few years. More detailed material and concrete evidence of effectiveness may be found in the accompanying exhibits.

V

STATE ACTION PROGRAMS

More white Southerners than ever before are concerned about doing the right thing in race relations. Some of them -- the small group from whom leadership must come -- are informed, clearsighted, and determined. But many of them are people who have no profound understanding of social change. They lack the background needed to see "the race problem" in the broad context of a nation and world in crisis. They are, in varying degrees, confused, fearful, and easily misled. They are assailed daily by the demagoguery of unscrupulous politicians who know very well how to use fear and confusion in thwarting progress. Hate organizations like the Ku Klux Klan stand ready, as always, to reap the profits of prejudice and violence.

This demagoguery must be counteracted by positive guidance if the potential good will of the Southern people is to be converted into progress. The strains in today's changing South demand an unremitting effort to keep open channels of mutual trust, respect, and understanding between the two races. The Council's singular effectiveness at this job lies in its ability to unite the people of the South, white and Negro, who understand and want the full practice of democracy, and at the same time know intimately the old evils that burden the South, and their causes.

As the previous sections detail, each of twelve Southern states has in it a body of such people long accustomed to meet and work together on matters of public concern. With few exceptions, these state memberships have lacked funds for the employment of even part-time personnel. They have been, for the most part, dependent on the Council's regional staff for clerical work, profes

sional fact-finding, and the many services generally which require trained persons. The Council's small staff, over-burdened by its regional functions and handicapped by distance, has been able to meet only a fraction of the state program needs. As a consequence, opportunities for productive activity daily go begging for want of skilled assistance.

The remedy is paid personnel in the states who can give leadership and continuity to those efforts. That would make possible gains not attainable by any other approach.

It is proposed that the Southern Regional Council be enabled to employ an executive secretary, an associate executive secretary, and a clerical assistant in each of these states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia; and in Kentucky a lesser staff.

This state personnel would, of course, be charged with implementing in their respective states the program of the Council as described generally in the preceding section. However, four main tasks merit specific mention:

1. To strengthen the membership and organization of the forces in the state devoted to this general cause. That includes systematic organization of local groups meeting and working interracially, adaption of program to local and state needs, and following-up to get corrective action.

2. Fact-finding, consultation, and persuasion to foster more democratic practices in public and private agencies. Many inequalities and discriminations in the South's institutions are practiced thoughtlessly, as a matter of unquestioning custom. The experience of the Southern Regional Council has shown convincingly how very much can be accomplished by informed and judicious prodding of such arrangements. Often the mere pointing out of injustice -- if done objectively and without recrimination -- is sufficient to bring about more enlightened policies. What the Council's central office, sparingly staffed, has

been able to achieve in this way could be expanded infinitely by the presence of able, full-time personnel in the states. The situations susceptible to such an approach can already be found in great numbers in every state. With the unfolding of new defense and mobilization activities, they multiply every day.

3. The development each year of about twenty-four home town self-surveys -- two in each state. The effectiveness of this device has been remarkably illustrated in two such surveys completed at Jacksonville, Fla., and Greenville, S. C., and in others now in process. The device is described in another part of this memorandum and in the literature appended. Here it need only be said that experience demonstrates that bringing a town around to where its leading people are willing to tackle the work of a survey is a slow business which can stretch over as much as two or three years. But the results bring a new quality of impartiality in public service and in local democratic understanding in each community. A few such communities in each state will, we believe, set a standard which other towns will come up to.

4. Exploring and getting into action a program of education in human relations. This is a particularly difficult field within a still segregated school system. Some would say, leave it untouched until a day when segregation is gone. But it would seem that the part of wisdom is to find what can be done now and to do it. Partly it is a matter of preparing and supplying text material suited to the ways of teachers and of children of different age groups. Partly it is a matter of working to get the interest of parents and of teachers brought to bear on the problem in an organized way over the barriers of race. Largely, of course, it is a matter of educating public opinion. If these things are to be done in the South, they will have to be done through the sort of people who look to the Southern Regional Council for stimulus and guidance.

VI

RESEARCH INTERPRETATION

The organizational structure provided for in the preceding sections gives an opportunity to get into the hands of influential people of both races throughout the region the unfolding modern knowledge coming out of the universities and other research agencies. More than that, it provides test by implementation. And it makes possible the organization of a back-flow from action people to research people.

It seems reasonable to suppose that from present and prospective philanthropic effort the amount of original inquiry into matters affecting human relations will expand greatly. It is to be hoped that much of this expansion will take place in the South. What is already known is more than is being used, but it is still the case that what is known is not yet enough to enable a satisfactory professional job in human relations to be done in the South. And what has been or will be worked out in research circles, North and South, will need translating into materials usable by people perplexed by workaday situations in the South.

It is therefore proposed that the Southern Regional Council be enabled to employ a small staff of social scientists, to keep in touch with the literature of their fields and with the state secretaries over the South. The staff would include such personnel as a sociologist, an anthropologist, a social psychologist, and perhaps an economist. It would have two or three clerical assistants. It would not undertake basic research, but would constantly be casting up actual needs for further information and passing them on to independent faculties or agencies doing research. In time it should prove possible for

this small staff to take a respected place in the world of Southern social science, appearing at professional meetings for consultation on research planning, and otherwise coordinating what is done in this general field.

Meanwhile, the main function of the Council's research group would be translation. It would bring to bear on the field staff and on the general public what existing knowledge has to contribute to present and local problems in human relations. And it would make available in understandable form the fresh work that comes out.

By far the greater proportion of the past and prasent work in this field originates in the North or the West, in societies which operate upon other premises. The principle is there, and is valid, but the material is seldom in a form in which it can be successfully and widely used in the South. Here is the job for a central Southwide staff. Truth in these matters can be disseminated in the South. But it requires interpretation, restatement, and new and altered emphasis, in order to reach minds ready to bang shut at this or that linkage of words. This is a famous peculiarity of the South; no great mystery to people who know the distribution for the time being of prejudice and enlightenment.

The need is for staff enough to do this work with thoroughness, and in close relationship to the people who will use the knowledge. It will take not only the trained social scientists, but money for printing and for getting out a journal that will steer the whole enterprise, and a good deal of travel to the places where new things are being done. For lack of a service of this kind a rich literature of social advance rolls out elsewhere, little known and seldom heeded in the South. Here is a remarkable opportunity, in which a few people can serve ably to strengthen thousands who yearn for simple justice, and have not the strength that comes from knowledge and understanding.

It is proposed that the research staff direct its attention heavily to

the problem of improved teaching on matters of race in the public and private schools of the South as touched on in the preceding section. For most of the white people of the South it is still the case that what pass for ideas about race are really thought-lodgments worked out in slave-times, when white people in fear and ill-conscience contrived a mythology to justify their privileges. And these prejudices, interwoven now with regional pride, survive as an underworld of thought, sustaining segregation and discrimination and winning preferment for demagogues. They have their counterparts also in Negro life.

Our school systems skirt this folklore. Countless teachers believe it themselves, and expound it, openly or subtly. Textbooks barely touch these delicate subjects, having a wary eye on political-minded Southern textbook commissions. Though we have had universal education in the South for fifty years and more, who will claim that the common schools have diminished perceptibly the strength of the old racial contempt?

There are many unanswered questions as to how this is to be corrected. In a segregated school system, how teach interracial understanding? What is the value of text material in general, and just what kind of text material is best? What are the methods and facts which will help most in persuading teachers, parents, and school authorities? What non-segregated experiences are available, or can be acceptably provided, for pupils, teachers, or both? Here is room for research and action, interrelated, of a most rewarding kind.

Turn to another whole field of action. Segregation will almost certainly continue its present course of piecemeal disappearance. But in each new area -- employment, busses, railroad stations, public meetings, religious activities, and so on -- new perplexities will arise. Some towns will handle these matters well; others, left alone, will make grievous mistakes. It would be a great service to the South, and to the nation, to provide an up-to-date knowledge of how these matters are worked out in the better places, and in the

worse, in order that the better examples might be given maximum opportunity to spread.

All this amounts to a major change in Southern life, and one that will carry portentous threats in inhumanity and even in disorder. It is surely wise to provide, in advance, the people and the knowledge to bring out of each situation the best that is possible. For such a purpose, free time of trained observers and evaluators is a necessity. The Council's staff would have this job, too, and (again) access to the people who could cause the findings to be profitably used.

VII

THE COST

One of the main advantages of the state programs proposed in the previous section is the stimulus they would provide for local initiative and civic vitality. This is particularly important in a region where defensiveness breeds abnormal distrust of "outside influences." By the same token, it would seem desirable that such activity be financed by indigenous money. Unfortunately, that is not likely to be the case for some time to come. The very economic and social structure which gives rise to the South's pressing and unique problems is a mighty barrier to adequate Southern financing of such an effort. Few Southern persons who could make large gifts are inclined to be actively in sympathy with even a temperate human relations program. Such money as can be raised in the South for this purpose -- as well as most of the skill and leadership -- must come mainly from persons of modest means.

From its inception in 1944, the Southern Regional Council has depended for perhaps two-thirds of its budget on foundation grants. In average years it has spent approximately $55,000, of which thirty-five or forty thousand came from foundations, the remainder being raised from small contributions, church sources, membership dues, sale of literature, and subscriptions.

Following the loss of its chief foundation support through the termination of the Rosenwald Fund, the Council has put much of its energy into a search for individual contributions sufficient to sustain activity at the same level. Though the effort has been great, it has met with only partial success. Measured in terms of a program commensurate with the needs of the region, the results have been grievously inadequate. If this crucial work is to be done, ma-

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Dear Dr. Rainey:

As you requested, I am sending you herewith your corrected copy of the Continuing Committee's report. A copy of the final statement is enclosed, also.

We are looking forward eagerly to the development of this new program, which offers a great opportunity for service to the South and the Nation. I hope that those who hold the strings to the money bag will see the importance of it!

Sincerely yours,

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COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION, INC.

My dear Friends:

We are enclosing a copy of the findings of the Atlanta Continuation Committee from Durham, Atlanta, and Richmond previous meetings. You will note that we followed two recommendations of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which voted to enlarge the Commission into a Council on Southern Regional Development. As you know, there have been so many difficulties involved that it never seemed possible to carry out these recommendations of the Commission. The prospect now looks better, and I know you will be happy to learn that we are working on this as faithfully as possible and hope to report to you further progress and suggestions at an early fall meeting.

We are working also with a number of southern agencies to see if we can all get together in this one larger group, which will come nearer combining all the interest of all the people than any yet undertaken.

This is just a little letter to report to the Commission and to say that we shall be reporting back to the Commission officially just as soon as any plan is definite enough.

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. ODUM

ENCLOSURE:
Findings

September 14, 1943

The Rev. T. F. Adams
First Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Adams:

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Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay
for Dr. Howard W. Odum

September 15, 1943

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ames:

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Mr. Francis Bridges, Jr.
State Parole Commission
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bridges:

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Mr. Wilson M. Brown
State Planters Bank and Trust Company
Richmond, Virginia

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Dr. William E. Cole
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

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Mr. Virginius Dabney
Times Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

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Mr. C. H. Gillman
198 Whitehall Street
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Henry Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

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Mr. R. B. Herbert
Palmetto Building
Columbia, South Carolina

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The Rev. William H. Marmion
1910-12th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

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Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

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The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. James McNamara
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

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Bishop Arthur J. Moore
1976 North Decatur Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Homer P. Rainey
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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Electric Building
Richmond, Virginia

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Mr. Philip Shulhafer
2636 Dellwood Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Goodrich C. White
Emory University, Georgia

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
All Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

MAIN 6846-7

☆ CHARLES H. GILLMAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR

~~1021½ WHITEHALL ST. S.W.~~
ATLANTA GEORGIA
75 Ivy St.,N.E.

September 21,1943.

Miss Emily H. Clay,
710 Standard Building,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have your letter of September 14th concerning the Continuation Committee and it will be all right with me for you to include my name among the list applying for a charter of incorporation.

Sincerely yours,

C H Gillman

C. H. GILLMAN,
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CHG/c

September 27, 1943

Mr. Louis E. Burnham
Southern Negro Youth Congress
526-28 Masonic Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Burnham:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which went to you on September 14. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will return the card immediately, so that we may know whether or not to include your name in the application for the charter for the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

September 27, 1943

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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September 30, 1943

Mr. Ralph McGill
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which was sent to you on September 14. Although Dr. Alexander reported that, in talking with him over the telephone recently, you gave permission to have your name used in the application for the Southern Regional Council charter, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will fill in the enclosed card and let us have it by return mail. The list will be complete as soon as your reply is received.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

MEMORANDUM FOR ATLANTA CONTINUING COMMITTEE:

We are gathered together here in solemn assembly, conscious of our heritage and opportunity. In the name and spirit of America and of all her resources and institutions we covenant together in harmony and unanimity to make this day, or what this day should bring to pass, epochal in a new purpose, an new understanding, and a new fellowship.

In the name and spirit of America's science and education we seek to find and to tell the truth. In the name and spirit of America's democracy we seek the way of equal opportunity. In the name of America's patriotism, we strive for loyalty to the American dream, for leadership to guide, and for statesmanship adequate to carry the burden of the new America. In the name and spirit of America's Christianity, we search for the new faith of fellowship. In the name of humanity, we propose to substitute the measures of the good society for the old biological struggle for physical survival. In the name and spirit of all these and the living reality of a complex world, we dedicate ourselves to the task of doing the most and the best that can be done here and now.

Four ways there are, and perhaps more, of approaching these laudable and attainable ends. First, we agree upon a new declaration of American principles and a new dedication of ourselves to the task of covenanting together with all regions and all races for the continued better ordering of our society. We recognize fully that in the present crisis this covenant is as important as the earlier compacts of the forefathers, and that the framework within which we covenant together must comprehend a concept and a charter which guarantees equality of opportunity for all peoples. This means more specifically as bearing upon the burden of our present counseling that the Negro in the United States and in every region is entitled to and should have every guarantee of equal opportunity that every other citizen of the United States has within the framework of the American democratic system of government.

Second, we dedicate ourselves unswervingly to the successful achievement of this task. Since in the order of all nature and creation and of the growth and development of the people and society, there are always certain features peculiar to each society; since in the order of democracy there are certain elemental principles of self-government that are inherent in each folk and regional society; and since in both the physical and cultural heritage of the South, there are certain cumulative and tragic handicaps that represent powerful factors in the situation, we appeal to the Nation, in covenant with the South, to exercise a wisdom and maturity through which methods, procedures, and rates of change may be worked out in the spirit of, and in conformity with, the principles of our American democracy.

Third, to the end that there will be actual realistic accomplishments rather than mere words and that there may be possible ways and means of actually insuring progress in all approaches to these goals of equal opportunity, we urge the South to pool its efforts and set up a strong, unified, Southern Regional Council, constituted of representatives of both races and of private and public groups. Such a council, in subscribing to the new declaration of principles, would work with and utilize all other available agencies and individuals in private and in public life and especially with a similar national group when established.

Fourth, since the crisis is not only southern but national, not only for whites but for Negroes and other races as well, and since the central purpose of the new council is cooperation and the building of active good will, we urge the formation of a National Committee on race and regional development, constituted of representatives of all races and of public and private groups. Such a committee, subscribing to the declaration of principles, would work with and utilize all available agencies and individuals in private and public life.

We recognize the sweep and power of the emotions in time of war and crisis and the rights and tendencies in the democratic way of life for thousands of individuals and groups to agitate, organize, and promote their own peculiar programs. This

is and must be the essence of a democracy. But it is also the way of democracy to focus upon fundamentals and to give opportunity to responsible leadership through the orderly agencies of goverment and of private citizens. To this end no greater service can be rendered to the Nation than to covenant together in responsible organizations, to provide leadership and clearing house, and to avoid conflicts, waste and overlapping, on the one hand, and, on the other, to minimize the harmful influence of irresponsible forces in this great hour of need for good will and for effective ways of doing what is needed. We feel that in these councils may be approximated needs more nearly than in any other ways that now appear.

The Nation is committed now to what is generally called, both in private business and in public life, post-war planning to the end that we may be ready for the demobilization and reintegration of our millions of returning soldiers into the best possible American way of life. Recognizing that the problems of the folk and of race constitute a more difficult problem than that of physical planning, by the same token we urge all the more the obligation to apply to this great area of our democracy the best the sciences, social sciences, the humanities, and religion can do in the realistic working out of next steps.

To this end, the present membership of the Continuation Committees of the Durham and Atlanta Conferences is hereby constituted the nucleus of the new Council; and the officers are authorized (1) to take immediate steps for the legal incorporation of the Council; (2) to appoint immediately the necessary staff personnel to implement this program, and (3) to enlarge the present membership in order to make it fully representative of all the interests encompassed by this program.

It is also respectfully urged that the President of the United States appoint a National Committee such as is suggested above.

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LAW OFFICES OF
HEYMAN, HOWELL & HEYMAN
511 CONNALLY BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GA.

ARTHUR HEYMAN
HUGH HOWELL
HERMAN HEYMAN

JOHN I. HYNDS
HUGH H. HOWELL, JR.
MORRIS B. ABRAM

November 19, 1949

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of November 17th informing me of my election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

I accept the honor and privilege and will be glad to serve.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram

mba/akd

November 17, 1949

Mr. Morris Abram
Connally Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

The Council's annual membership meeting on November 9, upon the recommendation of the nominating committee, elected you to the Board of Directors. The Board is composed of 72 persons, drawn from over the South and widely representative of the people of the region. It meets ordinarily once a year, with travel expenses paid. It rests the function of supervision of the staff of the Council upon the Board's Executive Committee, made up of seven persons plus the officers of the Council.

I enclose a list of the present Board members and of the fourteen persons elected the other day. Board membership is held for varying periods. The term to which you were elected expires in 1952.

I warmly hope that you can give us in this way the benefit of your advice and experience. This is a time when the thoughtful working together of southern people is more needed than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 24, 1952

Mr. Morris B. Abram
515 Healey Bldg.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Morris:

Harold and I appreciate your letter of November 18.

I have asked John Griffin to take you up on your kind offer of still further exertions on our behalf.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:cc

LAW OFFICES OF
HEYMAN & ABRAM
515 HEALEY BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GA.

ARTHUR HEYMAN (1867-1951)
HERMAN HEYMAN
MORRIS B. ABRAM
ROBERT G. YOUNG

November 18, 1952

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Southern Regional Council

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I read with interest your report to the Board of Directors of the SRC under yours of November 10th. I am continuously amazed by how much you get done on such a small budget. Now that I am through with the County Unit thing, I would be pleased to help you on your finances in any way that I can.

I also want to say that in Harold Fleming the Council has, as you well know and have told me many times, a really outstanding man. Because he works behind the scenes very few people know how great a contribution he has made this year in many fields, but those who do know will never forget what he has done.

Sincerely yours,

Morris B. Abram

A/c

May 25, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
3620 Ridgewood Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

I wrote them and asked them to send one to you at Oxford. Already paid for.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta, Georgia
U. S. A.
May 25, 1953

Mr. Kenneth Little
Department of Anthropology
University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh
SCOTLAND

Dear Ken:

Assistance, if you can, on a forthcoming visit to Britain of Morris Abram of this city. He's going over for the Rhodes Scholar reunion at the end of June, and will remain in Britain for the first three weeks of July.

Youngish lawyer--perhaps 32. Pembroke man. Graduate of the University of Georgia. Jewish. Married to a charming gentile wife, who will be along. Makes a good living at the law with a well-connected firm. Liberal, albeit with needful circumspection. Greatly interested in the whole matter of Negro advance, here and elsewhere. Interested in shaping his ideas on comparative development here and elsewhere. Remarkably fine speaker. Direct, to the point, logical, thoughtful, sincere, never fanatical. The best we have got to offer from these Southern States. Would like to meet some small groups of people who would confer with him on Negro and African matters. Could talk to small groups (free, of course) on the situation in the South and foreign policy in the USA, and so on.

Best address, Pembroke College, Oxford. Arriving approximately June 28. Will be staying at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford for the reunion days. Thereafter, mail will be forwarded to him from Pembroke.

You're the only contact I've got over there with your particular world. If you are around in England this summer, do, please, write him and put him in touch with some other people who will be interested.

Best to you all.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

May 25, 1953
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Room 432
Atlanta, Ga.

Farm Guide
Dept. NS, 49
Broomlands, Paisley
SCOTLAND

Dear Sirs:

Please be good enough to send a copy of Farm Holidays: 1953 Guide to Morris Abram, Esq., Pembroke College, Oxford, England.

I enclose a dollar. If that would buy two copies, perhaps you will be kind enough to post the extra copy to me, at the address above.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec
Encl.

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Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., NE, Rm. 432
Atlanta, Georgia
U. S. A.

Pembroke College
Oxford
ENGLAND

Dear Sirs:

Today I ordered a pamphlet from Farm Guide in Paisley, Scotland, to be sent to Mr. Morris Abram at Pembroke. As Mr. Abram will not arrive until June 28, the pamphlet will probably get there before he does. Please be good enough to hold it for him.

Sincerely,

Emily Calhoun
Sec'y. to Exec. Dir.

Ab

June 17, 1953

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Morris:

I had a nice letter from my friend Kenneth Little, head of the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. Says he would love to see you and will if he gets to your neighborhood or you get to his in time. But he is due to go out to West Africa for a short visit in July. However, he has passed word on to a young colleague of his in Oxford, Miss Sheila Webster. "She has recently been engaged in a study of race relations in the University and should be an ideal person for Morris Abram to meet in this connection. She has also spent some time in the United States."

Little's Edinburgh University address is 3 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh 8, and his telephone 46123 and BYPass 4722.

The "stay at a farm" booklet people sent a copy of their booklet to us here. Ah, most inviting! You are to have one waiting for you at Pembroke.

Spread my affections over our fair city.

Yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

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June 17, 1953

Dr. Kenneth L. Little
Department of Social Anthropology
University of Edinburgh
3 Buccleuch Place
Edinburgh 8
SCOTLAND

Dear Ken:

Many thanks for arranging about Miss Sheila Webster, who will be willing to talk to Morris Abram. Sounds fine, and I have so notified Morris Abram.

Things pop in our Africa, don't they!

Nicest Atlanta story since your departure: Signs (since taken down) were until a year ago up over the two drinking fountains in one of the large downtown department stores--colored--white. Two little Negro girls were playing near the drinking fountains, and one egged her friend on to take a drink out of the white fountain. She came back and said, "Don't taste no diffunt."

Success to you all.

Mozell Hill is back, with glowing accounts of you and Edinburgh and all. I haven't got to talk to him yet, but I hear.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:ec

From Dr Kenneth L. Little,
Head of Department.

Telephone: 46123 & BYPass 4722.

Department of Social Anthropology,
3 Buccleuch Place,
Edinburgh, 8.

10th June, 1953.

George S. Mitchell, Esq.
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Rm. 432,
Atlanta, Georgia,
U.S.A.

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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 25th May about your friend Mr. Morris Abram. I will be glad to meet Mr. Abram if I am in the neighbourhood of Oxford during his stay. Actually, it is doubtful if this will happen as I am due to leave for a short visit to West Africa next month.

However, I am passing word to a young colleague of mine in Oxford, Miss Sheila Webster. She has recently been engaged in a study of race relations in the University and should be an ideal person for Morris Abram to meet in this connection. She has also spent some time in the United States.

I hope that things are going well with you. Have you been making any plans for the girls in regard to St. Andrews ? If so, please let me know, as it will be nice to see them over here.

With every good wish to you all,
Yours ever,

Ken Little

1 - Allen, T. C.

March 3, 1947

Mr. Thomas Allen, Director
Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation
1444 E. Main Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Allen:

We have received a letter addressed to Dr. Will W. Alexander, Director, Commission on Interracial Cooperation, from Mrs. G. A. Curthoys, Box 34, Bristol, Virginia. She is Chairman of the Bristol Interracial Council and wants some suggestions concerning the sort of meetings and programs that local groups usually have.

I have written Mrs. Curthoys about the SRC and have made a few suggestions - the main one, that she get in touch with you.

How is everything going in Virginia? We have had, as usual, more than we could take care of. I hope that as soon as we get over the "hump" we can call a meeting of the Directors of the State Committees. I shall write you later about this.

All good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

GBJ:r

March 1, 1947

Mrs. G. A. Curthoys
Box 34
Bristol, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Curthoys:

Your letter of February 26, addressed to Dr. Will W. Alexander, Director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation has come to my attention. Dr. Alexander has not been associated with the Commission for some years and the Commission was absorbed by the Southern Regional Council when the Council was organized in January 1944. We are carrying on the work of the Commission as one phase of a broader program for social and economic progress in the South.

I am glad to hear of the work of the Bristol Interracial Council. I wonder whether you have been in touch with Mr. Thomas Allen, Secretary of the Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Room 215, 1444 E. Main Street, Richmond 19, Virginia. The Virginia Commission works closely with us although it is not formally affiliated with us. It is a division of the Virginia Council of Churches. I am sure that Mr. Allen could be of help to you and he would probably be glad to visit Bristol and help your committee to strengthen its work.

The Bristol Council might find it advisable to have a number of standing committees, each committee responsible for a report and reccommendation at a regular meeting of the Council. The committees which are most frequently set up by local councils are the following: Health and sanitation, schools, recreation, law observance and administration, racial tensions and public relations. It is very important to set up a definite schedule of meetings with various persons or committees assigned to be responsible for reports or addresses at the meetings.

After you have heard from Mr. Allen if you wish other suggestions from us, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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P. O. Box 34
Bristol, Virginia
February 26, 1947

Mr. Will W. Alexander, Executive Director
Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation
Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Recently I have joined the Inter-racial Council here in Bristol and have been appointed chairman of the Program Committee. I find that although this group was formed some years ago, they have had no planned programs. A friend has suggested that I write you to find out about meeting programs of other inter-racial groups, and I shall very much appreciate any suggestions you can give me.

Our group is also interested in affiliating with other inter-racial councils. Can you tell us the proper procedure?

Sincerely yours,

Hilda Curthoys

Mrs. G. A. Curthoys
Box 34
Bristol, Va.

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- Recreation
- Law Enf. & Admin.
- Race Relations Sunday
- Public Relations

1 - Allen, Thomas C

March 19, 1947

Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Room 215
1444 East Main St.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your letter of March 14. After checking over my schedule I see that it is not going to be possible for me to be here during the week of April 7. I have to be in Washington on April 7 and 8, and as soon as I get back I have to spend about three days in Knoxville. I am afraid the meeting of State Directors will have to come later in April. I shall let you know more definitely about it just as soon as possible.

All good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Guy B. Johnson
Executive Director

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Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave.
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Dear Guy:

Thank you for your letter and the good news that your Executive Committee has selected Dr. George S. Mitchell to carry on with the work of the Council. Please convey my personal congratulations to him and also my assurance of full cooperation with him and the Council as a whole.

I do hope that you can arrange the conference of state directors for the 11th of April. This would certainly fit in with the schedule of those of us who would be in Tuskegee for this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thos. C. Allen.

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1 — Allen, Thomas

March 15, 1948

The Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Race Relations
Virginia Council of Churches
144 E. Main St.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Allen:

Dr. Mitchell has had the idea that we should familiarize our members with the origins and functions of the Governors' commissions on race matters that exist in Maryland and Kentucky. While there does not seem to be any immediate likelihood of such commissions being established in the deeper South, it is an eventuality toward which we should be looking.

Would it be possible for you to go to Baltimore at Council expense to collect the necessary information about the Maryland Commission on Racial Relations? If you could spare time from your schedule to write a brief article (1500 - 2000 words) on the subject for NEW SOUTH, it would be very helpful indeed. Such an article should tell how the Commission came into being and what its structure and operation are.

If you can help us present these facts to the members and friends of the Council, we shall be deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

A - Allen, T. C.

April 21, 1948

Rev. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Interracial Cooperation
1444 E. Main St., Rm. 215
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Allen:

Many thanks for your competent write-up of the Maryland Commission on Race Relations. It is a very thorough job, and I do not believe that it leaves any of the essential questions unanswered. Any changes made will be simply for editorial convenience.

In order to provide a voucher for the bookkeeping records, Mrs. McKoy asks that you fill out the enclosed expense account form.

It was good of you to take time out of your crowded schedule to help us out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information

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April, 16, 1948

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am sending you the mss on the Maryland Commission on Race Relations. It has taken me sometime to fit this into a very crowded schedule. I trust that it will reach you in ample time. If there should be unanswered questions or vacant spots in the account please let me know and I shall try and supply you with information necessary to round out the story. If on the other hand you feel that it can be shortened, you may do that by editing.

It was necessary for me to make a trip to Baltimore and spend several days holding interviews and gathering data. This trip was made at an expense of $19.34. If your office wishes I can make an itemized expense account.

Please give the word to Dr. Mitchell that I have received his request about items to be included in the agenda for the program of 1949. I shall give consideration to these in due time.

Very sincerely yours,
Thos. C. Allen
Thos. C. Allen.

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April 26, 1948

Dear Friend:

The Virginia Council of Churches is the cooperative organization of the Protestant churches. The first three years reveal a remarkable record of progress and achievement. The need for a united Christian voice becomes increasingly apparent. The present year offers unlimited opportunity and challenge for our common faith.

Interracial Cooperation is one of the areas in which the combined strength of the Council has been most effective. The enclosed "Program of Interracial Cooperation for Virginia" approved by the Executive Committee of the Council, sets forth a worthy goal. Any efforts to realize this goal requires not only the sympathetic understanding but also the generous support of progressive Christian leadership.

This message is being sent to you because we believe you will want to share in a very wide distribution of this leaflet. The actual cost of printing and mailing is $25.00 per thousand. Your contribution sent in the enclosed envelope will be used for this purpose.

We hope this leaflet will be used as a basis of study by large numbers of churches, sunday school classes and civic groups. It should be sent also to a hundred thousand individuals, including ministers, lawyers, social workers, teachers in both high and grade schools, and to other persons who work with people and influence public opinion. Our chief aim is to stimulate thinking on the part of our people.

We shall await your response with confidence and assurance.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. C. Allen

Thos. C. Allen, Director

A Program of Interracial Cooperation For Virginia

The Executive Committee of the Virginia Council of Churches recognizes that substantial advances have been made in recent years in the area of race relations through the efforts of both Negroes and whites. It is believed that love for one's neighbor and respect for every individual, made in the image of God, as inspired by the Christian Gospel, as well as the principles of American democracy, require us to continue such efforts to eliminate discriminations and to remedy injustices that remain in various areas of human endeavor. We believe that men and women of good will should not wait until changes are forced upon them from without, but should themselves take the initiative and work for justice and fair play for all elements of our population. We are not satisfied to oppose remedies proposed by others without offering counter remedies which appear to us to be more practical and wise.

We do not attempt to speak in the name of the fifteen bodies which compose the Virginia Council of Churches, but to the members of the Executive Committee it seems that the following are steps which need to be taken and behind which Christian sentiment can be rallied. We hope that various church groups will make them a basis for study and that community, civic, and church leaders will carefully consider how far they can now be translated into action.

I. Regarding Political and Civil Rights we recommend:

a) That qualifications for voting or service in connection with elections be set and administered without discrimination because of race, creed or color.

b) That the constitutional rights of Virginia citizens to serve on juries be more fully recognized and that Negroes along with other qualified citizens be empaneled for jury service.

c) That Negro citizens be appointed to school boards and to boards of any other political, public, civic or social service agency on the same basis of merit as other citizens.

d) Since racial segregation in public carriers is a social and economic waste and is undemocratic in principle, and in view of the evidence that the traditional policy of separate

but equal accommodations has proven a failure in fact, we recommend that racial segregation on common carriers and in public waiting rooms be immediately abolished.

e) That more municipal governments give equal opportunity to Negro citizens to hold appointive positions such as policemen, firemen, etc. on the basis of their qualifications.

f) That the citizens and officials of Virginia, while deeply grateful for the record of our state in having no lynching in our borders since the passage of the anti-lynching law 20 years ago, ever be on the alert to prevent the development of any situation which might eventuate in the crime of lynching.

II. Regarding Military Service we recommend:

a) That opportunities for military service in all its branches be open to Negroes for full and unrestricted participation; and that promotion to positions of responsibility be determined by merit and ability rather than race.

III. Regarding Industrial and Service Occupations we recommend:

a) That all people be safe-guarded in their opportunity to be employed at their greatest skill and for compensation equal to that of people already engaged in similar work.

b) That in order to carry out the foregoing recommendation, citizens of Virginia be urged to support educational policies and legislation which will promote equitable industrial relations as they apply to racial and religious minorities.

c) That the advances made by labor unions in admitting Negroes to their membership be recognized, and that they be urged to continue and broaden their efforts to eliminate discrimination in their practices on account of race, creed or color.

IV. Regarding Education we recommend:

a) That the state legislature, the state and local officials be urged to strive with renewed energy toward the realization of the concept of equality of educational opportunity.

b) That efforts be continued to secure more adequate graduate and professional education in Virginia and throughout the South for all citizens, both white and Negro, without regard to color, creed or race.

V. Regarding Health and Social Services we recommend:

a) That public health and social services for all citizens be on an equal basis both in quality and extent. This applies to both state and local facilities.

b) That qualified Negro physicians and their patients be admitted to hospitals throughout the state and that existing hospital accommodations for white and colored people be improved.

c) That Negro nurses and social workers be used more extensively in carrying out the foregoing recommendation.

d) That slum clearance and the erection of low cost housing be continued and extended. The appointment of Negroes to boards controlling such work is strongly recommended.

VI. Regarding the Church we recommend:

a) As Christians, we recognize our failure to inculcate into our corporate life, as citizens and churchmen, the full implications of our Christian faith regarding brotherhood. We sincerely ask God's forgiveness for this failure, and pledge ourselves to work always toward the fulfillment of these principles. Specifically we urge now the abolition of segregation in meetings where both races meet together for worship or conference.

b) That we favor the repeal of the state and city laws forbidding churches to hold unsegregated religious meetings in public buildings.

CONCLUSION:

These recommendations and proposals are earnestly and respectfully submitted by the Executive Committee of the Virginia Council of Churches for careful study and action by officials, community, civic and church leaders with a view to the immediate improvement of human relations. It is hoped that church groups, ministerial groups, and lay groups, as well as young people's groups will use these proposals as special study projects toward making the abundant life available to all people.

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April 26, 1948

Dr. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Race Relations
Virginia Council of Churches
1444 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Allen:

Here is our check for $19.34, covering your travel from Washington to Baltimore and back to Richmond on April 6 and 7.

We are most appreciative of your making this trip in our behalf.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Agnes McKoy
Secretary-Treasurer

enclosure check

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A- Allen, T. C.

May 17, 1948

Dr. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
1444 East Main Street, Room 215
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for the additional material on meetings. You had written us already. My letter was a general follow-up.

We have had to ponder a little about regional schools, too. I can put in two ideas:

1. Any formula that would separate the proposed solution into long-run and short-run would help get agreement. What is feared is the locking of a segregated arrangement for a couple of generations to come.

   If responsible bodies would state that a regional arrangement on a segregated basis would be admittedly subject to review after two years or eight years or whatever, that would help.

2. In the last Legislature, Kentucky so far altered the 1902 law imposing segregation on all educational institutions as to permit governing bodies of institutions having authority over health education to do as they might please on admitting Negroes. That permits local option in dentistry, nursing and medicine.

   That seems to me to offer a key. If we could get many states to permit local option in that way, then private institutions could open up and build for the whole South the experience of an open arrangement, which experience has in other fields dispelled most people's fears.

I have also the thought that an institution calling itself a university which denies admittance to qualified persons seeking to learn is something less that its name implies. Eventually some of our universities will see that and will take the quote marks from their names.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 13, 1948.

Dear George:

I am sorry about my failure to send a previous report. I was sure that I had sent a report. It might be that I included it in some material I sent to Fleming. Will you check with him.

The enclosed is a report of what has taken place recently. I am not sure this is the type of thing you want to know about, but it is what we have been doing. These meetings in Washington have been rather interesting. Our local Richmond Committee on Civil Rights is meeting monthly. We are also attempting to contact existing groups for three types of programs:

1. Panel discussions using two or more speakers.
2. Using a film with a discussion afterwards.
3. Prsentation of a brief "skit"
   (this type of program has not been used as yet.)

This Regional School idea still bothers me. What would you suggest?

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thos. C. Allen.

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June 10, 1948.

Dr. George S. Mitchell
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Dear George:

Thank you for your letter. I am afraid that I cannot take any credit for Vee Dabney's Editorial. This I think makes it even more significant. He received a copy of your publication, read it and wrote the editorial. I have used it as an illustration for other papers to follow. I requested a copy of any publicity given, but thus far do not have any thing to report. I sent letters to twenty-five daily papers which covered the state very well.

We are rejoicing in the election of Mr. Oliver W. Hill as a member of the nine-man council which was elected in the city of Richmond on Tuesday. I will send a few clippings and editiorials to your office telling about this event. We are very glad to have Richmond stand by the side of Winston-Salem in having a Negro citizen on its city council.

You will also be interested to know that Miss Lucy Mason is speaking to a group of ministers and other people at a luncheon today in the YMCA. This is a part of her work with the National Religion and Labor Foundation.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thos. C. Allen.

A - Allen, T C

Dear George:

The enclosed clippings are from the News Leader the day after the election. I thought you would be interested in these, since you have lived in Richmond and know the city.

Two other clippings included just to show how some news items are being treated.

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Allen, Thomas C.

June 22, 1948

The Reverend Mr. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches
1444 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Very many thanks for sending me the bundle of Richmond clippings. All very exciting.

I note that Hill got a good number of votes in each precinct in the city. Ted DuCuennois is a good friend of mine.

S tartling that the CIO candidate came so near what I think would have been the tragedy of nosing out Hill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Committee

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1-Allen, Thomas C.

June 28, 1948

The Reverend Mr. Thomas C. Allen, Director
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
1444 East Main Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Tom:

I did not know about the new job.

We shall all be deeply sorry to lose you from Virginia. However, if you are going to keep on doing for the whole of the South many of the useful things you did in Virginia, that will be everybody's gain.

I am not enough in touch with things in Virginia to have a candidate for your place with the Virginia Council of Churches.

Please remember to let me know each time you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 23, 1948

To the Members of the Department
Interracial Cooperation
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Dear Co-Worker:

In a few days you will see a press release announcing my resignation as Director of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches. I have accepted a position on the staff of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Because of your fine spirit of cooperation and support during these past few years I wanted to share this information with you.

While we have not achieved our full goal, we can say that some real progress has been made. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with you. The Program of Interracial Cooperation for Virginia approved by the Council of Churches presents a challenge to which I am confident you will respond.

The position to which I am going as of September 1st, will be in this same area of interest. I shall be associated with Dr. J. Oscar Lee as Co-Secretary of the Department of Race Relations. You will recall that Dr. Lee was formerly a member of the faculty of Virginia Union University. He has served recently as a member of the staff of the Connecticut Council of Churches and is now serving as the Executive Secretary of the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Both of us shall count on your continued interest and support as we face the task that is ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. C. Allen

Thos. C. Allen

P. S.
I thought perhaps the two enclosures might be of some interest to you. I will be working across the country, but especially in the South, which means that because of our common tasks we should be brought together. They will be looking for some one to carry on in Va., if you have any suggestions I shall be glad to pass them on to the committee.

Cordially yours,

Tom

TCA.

June 21, 1948

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President
Virginia Council of Churches
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

On June 8th, 1948 I was elected by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America as Co-Secretary of the Department of Race Relations effective September 1st, 1948.

In order to accept this position I am submitting my resignation as Director of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Virginia Council of Churches as of August 31st, 1948.

The spirit of cooperation on the part of the Secretaries officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Council has made it a joy and privilege to serve as a member of the staff of the Virginia Council of Churches.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. C. Allen.

cc to:
Henry Lee Robison, Jr.
Executive Secretary
John M. Ellison, Chairman
Department of Interracial Cooperation.

Biographical Material and Items of Interest

Thomas C. Allen

Born: Chase City, Mecklenburg County, Virginia

Educated: 1921, A. B. Cum Laude, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

1927, Th. D. Magna Cum Laude, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

1923 - '25; Instructor Simmons University, Louisville, Ky.

1924 - '27; Fellow in Department of Theology, S. B. T. S. Louisville.

1925 - '27: Associate Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville.

1927 - '30; Associate Professor of Bible and Director of Student Religious Activities, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

1930 - 36; Pastor Salem Baptist Church, Sparta, Caroline County, Va.

1936 - '43; Pastor Warrenton Baptist Church, Warrenton, Va. Chairman Fauquier County Interracial Committee.

1943 - '45; Director Virginia Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Richmond, Va.

1945 - '48; Director Department of Interracial Cooperation, Virginia Council of Churches, Richmond, Va.

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Points of Interest in Interracial Work.

First full time director of Interracial Cooperation in Virginia. Work re-organized and put on a sound basis; beginning with very few active local committees; extended these from four to twelve in first year; bringing mailing list up to date.

Formal launching of Virginia Council of Churches January 1945; Commission on Interracial Cooperation by vote of its Executive Committee becoming the Department of Interracial Cooperation which is one of the ten departments of the Council; local interracial committees set up in eight additional communities, bringing the number to twenty; during the year two special projects were sponsored by the department, "Institute on Race Relations" in cooperation with Race Relations Department of American Missionary Association, working with Dr. Chas. Johnson and Chas. Lawrence; this Institute lasted for our days, reached some two hundred people from twenty communities in the state, also a number of out-of state visitors; the second project was an Institute on the Returning Veteran, which was sponsored jointly by the department and the Veterans' Division of the Southern Regional Council, working with Dr. George Mitchell; this reached some two hundred people from 24 different communities in the state.

Emphasis in 1946 was placed on an effort to integrate the entire Council of Churches with Negro representation in all phases of the program of the Council. The outstanding specific project of the year was the coordination of the civic and religious forces in the City of Richmond to preserve the property holdings of the "Westwood Community" which is composed of some 65 Negro families in one of the better white residential areas of the City. This story is told in an article printed in the "New South", official organ of the Southern Regional Council under the title, "They Kept Their Homes." During 1946 Negro policemen were used in four Virginia cities (Norfolk, Roanoke, Rochmond, Newport News) for the first time.

Race Relations study groups were conducted in two summer leadership churchconferences, a youth group of the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia and a group of adults of the Disciples of Christ. These study groups resulted in the extension of the work into a number of local church groups;

Two folders, "Building Bridges of Understanding in Virginia" and "On the Way to Brotherhood in Virginia" have been prepared and distributed. A third folder giving "A Program of Interracial Cooperation for Virginia" has been prepared, approved by the Executive Committee of the Virginia Council and will soon be off the press for wide distribution.

The Virginia Council of Churches was organized as an interracial council from the beginning. It offers a unique pattern for work in race relations in the Southern area in that race relations is definitely tied in with the cooperative program of a Council of Churches.

In addition to the work in the State a large number of engagements have been filled in other states both of the South and other areas. We have succeeded in coordinating the efforts of many groups that were working in the area of race relations. In the cities of Richmond and Petersburg the local committees are member agencies of the Community Council of Social Agencies.

Beginning with November of 1947 emphasis has been placed on implementing the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. A study group was set up in Richmond which resulted in some fifty people attending for four evenings in succession. Two definite things resulted from the study, the formation of a Richmond Committee for Civil Rights and the circulation of a petition requesting the Richmond delegation in the General Assembly to introduce legislation to change segregation laws in the area of public transportation and public assembly. The bills were introduced, referred to Committee on Courts of Justice, given two public hearings, but were not voted out of committee. The hearings were well attended and a good cross section of the state represented in those who spoke.

In addition to work in the department of race relations, much assistance has been given to the promotion of the general program of the Council. The director was given a place on the honor roll of the Afro-American for leadership in the area of race relations during 1947.

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Aug. 9, 1948

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

When I returned to my desk this morning I found two communications from your office. Henry Lee also told me of your recent personal visit. I am very sorry to have missed you. August 3 to the 6th found me in New York looking for a place to hang my hat as of Sept. 1st.

I regret very much to know the serious illness of your father as reported in Sunday's Times-Dispatch. I shall be thinking of you and him constantly. Since I have passed through this experience my prayer for you is that God's grace may be given in accordance with your needs.

I have three weeks in which to clean up desk, sift my files and complete two or three projects already begun. I shall make every effort to prepare the information requested in your letter of Aug. 4.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. C. Allen

Thos. C. Allen, Director

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Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
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Dear George:

Thank you very much for the recent materials which you have been sending. I shall leave these in the file for the use of my successor.

I am sending a brief statement which points up some of the high spots in Race Relations for Virginia in 1948. I trust that this will be useful to you in preparing your annual report. With reference to suggestions as to policy of the Regional Council, I do not have a constructive suggestion to make.

After September 1st my address will be 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. and my official title will be Co-Secretary, Department of Race Relations. I hope that you will send me several copies of the New South that contains the article on "The Governor's Commission in Maryland."

I am constantly thinking of you and your father in his critical illness.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thomas C. Allen, Director

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August 26, 1948

The Reverend Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Virginia Council of Churches
1444 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Tom:

We are sending you up separately twenty-five copies of the August 1948 issue of New South, which contains your appreciated article on the Maryland race relations Commission. It was good of you to get this together for us, and it will have effect gradually further down in the South.

Thank you for your kind letters and all the clippings. Father did a good job, and there was an odd gladness of that about everything associated with his death.

I know that he thought highly of you and of your work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Separate cover: 25 copies August '48 New South

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Dear George:

I received the copies of the "New South" just before leaving. Thank you so much for them.

You will be interested in knowing that the Executive Committee elected Rev. C. Emerson Smith as director of the department of interracial cooperation. I am sure that you will find him a good co-worker and that he will give good direction and guidance to the work in Virginia.

I am enclosing another editorial that appeared in the News Leader about your Father. Dr. Modlin referred to him last night in his message to the greaduates as the teacher most generally regarded as the one who could inspire and challenge students to do their best.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thos. C. Allen.

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October 15, 1948

Rev. Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

Thank you for writing us September 8. We are glad to know that you are settled in the new and important job.

You remember that we are side by side here with Dr. Forrest Weir, who must be in some sense an arm of yours hereabouts.

Call on us any time we can be helpful to you.

I have not met Mr. Smith yet, but Mrs. Havens has, and liked him very much. Smith and I have exchanged a very pleasant letter or two.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr.George S.Mitchell
Southern Regional Council,Inc.
Rm.432, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

Well I have made the transition from Virginia to New York. At present I am trying to get oriented in the office routine.

I have been reading the records of the early days of the Department of Race Relations and note that there was a very close cooperative relationship between the Southern Commission and the Department. I am not just sure how active that cooperation is at present time, but if it is at all possible I hope we shall continue to give mutual assistance each to the other.

I am sure that we shall have occasion to be in meetings together from time to time.

You by now have received announcement from the Richmond office of the appointment of Rev.C.Emerson Smith as Director of the Department of Interracial Cooperation. Mr.Smith is a Presbyterian minister, in his early thirties, who has been working in the Presbyterian Church,U.S., in the area of race relations. He comes directly from a position at Hampton Institute. I am sure you will find in him a loyal and faithful co-worker for race relations in the state of Virginia.

Yours sincerely,

Tom

Thomas C.Allen
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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We wish to thank you for your fine spirit of cooperation in response to our request for a statement from you which we might use in the promotion of Race Relations Sunday.

The enclosed copy of Interracial News Service will indicate one use that was made of your quotation. The wide distribution of this publication rendered a telling service that greatly helped to extend the observance of Race Relations Sunday.

The requests for materials came from 47 states, Panama, the District of Columbia and Hawaii. There are indications that the churches are taking their task seriously and every effort is being made to Make Brotherhood Real.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary

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April 10, 1950

Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary
Department of Race Relations
Fed. Council of Churches of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

Delighted you are coming to Atlanta and that I will get a chance to talk with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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April 6, 1950

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Dr. George C. Mitchell, Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I expect to be in your city on Friday, April 21, and would like to have the privilege of a brief conference with you.

I shall also be seeing Forrest Weir, and have suggested to him that I would appreciate information as to other places that I should visit while in the Southeastern area. If you should have any suggestions you might pass them on to him.

I am scheduled to be in Mobile, Alabama, April 25.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary

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June 16, '50

The Rev. Mr. Thomas C. Allen
Federal Council of Churches
297 4th Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Tom,

Even so good a guy as you gets behind in dues!

You last sent yours in in 1947. So technically the sum to pay you up through June of 1951 is twelve dollars. That's steep. We'll be glad to make you current for whatever sum you can send on in.

We cherish you, and need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Thos C Allen

July 13, 1950

Mr. Thomas C. Allen, Co-Secretary
Federal Council of Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Tom:

Mighty kind indeed of you to send a good fat check, which makes you a fully paid up Associate Member of the Council. By moving to New York you lost your vote, but in all other respects remain a proper member.

The Supreme Court decisions open graduate and professional education. Some states will resist, but they won't succeed long. I should think that within two or three years Negroes will have been admitted to graduate or professional work in white state institutions in every Southern state.

Somebody was perceptive recently in saying that the Southern states will buy all the segregation they can pay for. I have been impressed in driving about recently by the splashy money that is going into new buildings and new faculty for Negro state colleges. I think by now the position of the Board of Control for Regional Education is pretty well clarified and its enemies are fewer and less shrill. They made it plain in the Maryland case that they were not set up to circumvent the Gaines decision. And now the events in Kentucky have made it doubly clear that regional education and segregation are not necessarily concomitants.

I suppose it will be longer before undergraduate college work in state institutions is opened. Some private institutions will probably lead the way there. It would be a good thing if the churches would do some pilot jobs with church-related colleges.

I am greatly encouraged by what Brimm gets done with the Southern Baptists, and the recent action about Montreat by

the Southern Presbyterians is also encouraging.

Come and see us when you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Signed in Dr. Mitchell's absence

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Department of Race Relations

June 26, 1950

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of June 16. Just this word of explanation, not in any way a defense. My understanding was that when I left Virginia and the South in 1948 that I was no longer eligible for a full membership in the Southern Regional Council.

I am enclosing a check for $5.00 NH which I hope will again restore my official relationship with your Council.

At your convenience I would be very glad to have from you an analysis of the situation with reference to higher education in the South, and what should be the steps to consolidate the gains made.

Very sincerely yours,

Tom

Thomas C. Allen
Co-Secretary

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January 7, 1942

Dr. Will W. Alexander,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

When you were talking with me over long-distance the other day, I had not seen the enclosed letter which Mrs. Ames had received from Dr. James E. Shepard of North Carolina College for Negroes. She showed it to me yesterday, however, when she received from Mr. P. B. Young a letter commenting on the conference to which Dr. Shepard refers. Since this concerns you, a copy of it is enclosed, also.

After reading this correspondence and thinking of our conversation relative to the Durham Conference, I am convinced that you thought Dr. Shepard was discussing the next step in the plans of the conference held in Durham in October, with which Dr. Charles Johnson, Mr. Forrester Washington, and others participated. From Mr. Young's letter, however, you will see that Dr. Shepard is evidently attempting to set up an entirely different organization. As Mr. Young says, this would be most unfortunate.

I told you that Mrs. Ames was working closely with the Durham Conference group and that she was helping them to make up the list of white people to be invited to cooperate with them. She has had a good talk with Ralph McGill, who is greatly interested in the statement issued by the Negroes, and he is preparing a letter to be sent to leading Southerners (white) over the signatures of twelve Georgians representing the church, the press, business, educational institutions, labor, and government. Dr. Ashby Jones, Bishop John Moore Walker, Dr. McDowell Richards, and Ralph McGill are helping to round up the twelve signers.

Could you write Dr. Shepard, and perhaps Mr. Young, and let them know that you were under the impression that he was discussing the October Durham Conference, so that he will not continue to use your name as a supporter of his "movement"? I should think that it would embarrass Dr. Johnson and other friends who developed the Durham Conference plans if you should become aligned with a conflicting organization. Don't you think it would?

In case you have not seen a copy of the statement issued by the Negroes who participated in the Durham Conference, I am enclosing a copy herewith.

If you do write to Dr. Shepard, would you mind letting me have a copy of your letter?

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE FOR NEGROES

Durham, North Carolina

December 30, 1942

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Commission on Interracial Cooperation
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ames:

In 1929 and 1930 we held in Durham a Fact-Finding Conference. This Conference dealt with the social, civic, and political status of the Negro and did much to help stabilize the thinking of people in many sections of the country. In fact, we think it accomplished a great deal. Conditions confronting us now are largely the same as those that confronted us then, except that the situation is more acute. Leaders of both groups have suggested that we hold this Conference in April, 1943.

October 20th, a Southern Conference composed entirely of Negroes was called by Dr. Hancock of Richmond, P. B. Young of Norfolk, and other representative Negroes of the South. Representatives were present from every Southern state except Mississippi. The complete findings of this Conference have not been given to the public. It is a very comprehensive and worthwhile document. The October Conference endorsed the Fact-Finding Conference to be held in April and promised their full cooperation.

Some of us are beginning to realize fully that to accomplish anything worthwhile for the Negroes, there must be a common ground from which Negroes from every section of the country can meet and formulate a charter of what is best to be done to seek these desires and how far we can go to obtain them. We realize fully that this is going to be a difficult task, but if we can achieve it, the gains will repay any losses and will be a monumental task.

It has been suggested also that we seek to get an outstanding group of white people from the various sections to meet at the same time and place as the Fact-Finding Conference, however, not to meet jointly the first day but that each group work on a plan or proposal and on the second day or perhaps the third day, a joint meeting be held and that we agree on a joint statement to the American people. This Conference would have the opportunity to lay the foundation for good will and be of worth for generations to come.

As one of the leaders of thought in America, I am writing to ask if you would offer any suggestions as to this proposal. Will you participate? Would you name people of both groups who should be invited? Will you give some thought and time now in planning for this Conference in offering suggestions? We need your wisdom and your counsel. I would be very glad to hear from you fully and frankly on this matter.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours

James E. Shepard
President

JOURNAL AND GUIDE

Norfolk, Virginia
January 4, 1943

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Immediately following our telephone conversation this morning I sent the following telegram to the Associated Negro Press and seven important newspapers to whom I had mailed the release on our committee:

> "Please withhold publication of story on Collaboration Committee, Southern Race Relations Conference. Will send later an article which will include white as well as Negro committee.
> P. B. YOUNG"

I hope this is in time to prevent publication this week of the story. Two or three papers bring out their first edition about midnight Monday.

I was very glad to learn that you were making good headway toward the formation of your committee and was particularly pleased with the prospect of having Mr. McGill as its head.

As soon as you are ready please wire me the personnel of your group.

Unfortunately, Dr. James E. Shepard, President of North Carolina College for Negroes, is working very hard to have the same people who constituted our conference to join him in another conference at Durham in April under the title of "Fact Finding Conference." He proposes to bring in people from all sections of the country and to issue another statement, or undertake to write another charter. He feels that ours did not go far enough. He has had a conference with Dr. Will Alexander, who has encouraged him according to a letter I received from him this morning. It would be most unfortunate if another group, who would include the northern and eastern elements, should meet at Durham and issue a statement which would in a measure repudiate what we have already done. We would not be harmed by such a conference held in the east, north or west, but this one coming up in the south, and of all places at Durham, is going to considerably confuse matters.

In view of this situation I hope that we can get our Collaboration Committee organized and at work during the next few weeks. Time is the essence of success in this undertaking.

Sincerely yours

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P. B. YOUNG

February 12, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

The job of writing our report three times, including the full list of Commission members, officers, and Board of Directors, trimming and mounting the magazine article, and assembling the whole thing was greater than I had anticipated. It is all out of the way now, though, and we shall just have to await the pleasure of the various Boards. You said that it would not be necessary to send you a copy of the report, but I am sending it anyway! I thought there might be something that you would want to refer to in case any of the Board officials should write for further information. When I went to get the copies of THE NEW REPUBLIC for January 4 and 11, I discovered that there was a third article in the January 18 issue, so I took the liberty of including it to complete the series. The report really makes a very good appearance, I think, and I hope that it will bring us the needed support. The copies which were sent with your letters were bound in black covers, so they looked real nifty!

You had a copy of the letter Dr. Cole wrote me about the chance of his not being able to get the leave of absence. It simply made me sick even to think of it, but I am hoping that we shall not have our plans upset.

In the same letter, Dr. Cole spoke of having Dr. Reid on our staff and said "I assume that we can obligate ourselves, at least temporarily, for this amount (a salary of $3,000 for approximately half-time), hoping that Rosenwald will add some additional funds to the budget, if we should run out before the end of the current year. We hope, of course, to have some success with other foundations, prior to any prospect of scarcity of funds." I have replied as follows:

> "Of course, I don't know what Dr. Alexander would say, but I do not see how we can offer Dr. Reid even a part-time salary until we have secured a grant for his budget. Our appeal to the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational and Christian Churches was for funds for this budget. It was my understanding that the addition of a Negro Associate Director to our staff was contingent on our finding the money especially for that purpose. That is what Dr. Alexander said when we made up our <u>minimum</u> budget for 1943. As you know, we have barely enough money in sight to cover that."

Not a word has come from the Rosenwald Fund about the appropriation for this year. Unless we have at least $5,000 from them next month, we shall not have enough money for our expenses. Will you please get them to send us some money! Usually they send some sort of notice of the appropriation, either through Dr. Odum or through you — a written notice, I mean. I wish they would do it this year, so that I would have it for the file.

When I wired Miss Elvidge for fifty sheets of the Fund stationery, to come by Air Mail, she did not notice the request for Air Mail until after a supply had been sent by regular mail. She, therefore, sent another lot by air. Do you suppose that you will be needing it sometime, or shall I return it to her — the extra supply, I mean?

Believe it or not! Miss Matthews has gotten a Government job, in the office where Mrs. Ramos (Mrs. Ames' former secretary) is working, and will be leaving the Commission in ten days or two weeks. She went to see about the job yesterday and decided to take it. The salary will be more, she says, and there is a promise of an opportunity for advancement. I don't know whether she is entirely happy about it or not, but I hope that she will be able to hold down the job and that she will enjoy it. Now, I must hustle around and find someone else to help us.

Has Edgar been released from the Army yet? I hope that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Were you able to help to save any part of the Farm Security Administration?

Best wishes, and please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. Dr. W. A. Smart came by the office Wednesday afternoon to talk with me about Mr. Eleazer. He said he had thought that Mr. Eleazer's resignation was submitted in good faith, and he wondered what was back of his leaving the Commission's staff. Mrs. Eleazer, especially, has been doing a great deal of talking, it seems, saying that she had no idea such a thing would happen and giving the impression that her husband got a "dirty deal." I don't know whether I should have done it or not, but I told Dr. Smart of the complaints we had had from various sources because of Mr. Eleazer's failure to work in the Negro schools, because of his failure to find a new approach to his work, etc. It amazes me the way both Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer have spread a wrong impression of the whole affair, and it disgusts me, too.

March 26, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

How do you like the new stationery? I reached the place where I had to have some or stop writing letters, so decided to have a couple of thousand printed. That was much cheaper than having a small quantity lithographed. Dr. Cole was here yesterday morning and seemed not to mind my ordering the letterheads; in fact, he asked for a small supply to take back to Knoxville! He, by the way, was on his way back from Columbia, where he attended what he thought was a very good meeting of the South Carolina Committee.

Speaking of the letterhead again, I was sorry not to be able to include Dr. Reid's name, but I hope to do so next time!

It was good to have even a brief note the other day to say that you were feeling some better. I am glad that the doctor ordered you to take things easy for a while, but he should have sent you away from Washington completely for a week or two! Florida sunshine would do more good than anything else.

You mentioned talking with me about some of the things I was worrying about when you are here on April 7. Are you planning to come to the meeting of white Southerners on April 8, and will you arrive a day ahead? If so, it would be a good idea to let Bishop Moore know, so that a hotel reservation can be made for you. Two or three conventions are being held here at that time (among them the G.E.A.) and hotel rooms are very scarce. We could not even get one at the Piedmont, although we did succeed in getting a hall for the meeting. We have a few rooms that are being held for the conference - at the Robert Fulton and the Atlantan, but the reservations must be made promptly or we shall have to release the rooms.

It will be good to have a chance to talk with you about what you think is in store for the Commission. I'll admit that my spirits were very low when I last wrote, and I don't feel much better yet!

Best wishes, and take good care of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Baily H. Clay

P.S. Dr. Clement wants to know whether you plan to attend the Trustees meeting April 30-May 1 here. I promised to try to find out!

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Miss Clay: Mrs a will send the insurance policy on Clifton Road house to me West today. She will send the accident policy to me for the required signature and I will send it at once. I regret the confusion and delay. The other matters

we will discuss when I am there on the 7th of april. I am still very shakey on my feet and am having to work short hours. The remedy is worse than the disease.

Yours with appreciation

Will W. A Sexsander

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OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Chairman
PAUL V. McNUTT
FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

Box 5
Cosmos Club
April 2, 1943

Miss Emily Clay
Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc.
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Congratulations on the new stationery! It looks swell!!

I will reach Atlanta on the morning of the 7th. I have planned to go to the Biltmore Hotel where I am having a small meeting for part of the day with Bishop Tucker and other church leaders.

I understand that a reservation has been made for me at the Biltmore, but I would appreciate it if you would check on the matter to be sure and let me know.

If this is not possible, I would appreciate your getting me a room in one of the hotels near the office.

There isn't any doubt but that we have a tough job ahead in keeping the Commission afloat, but in my talk to Embree and Charles Johnson in Chicago this week, the three of us pledged not to let up and there are still numerous sources that I think we can develop. The main thing is for all of us to keep our morale as high as possible.

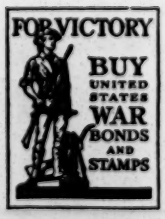
I hope to see Cole when I am in Atlanta next week.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander

Will W. Alexander



May 5, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander,
Box 5,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

As you requested, copies of your letter to Ralph McGill are being sent to Mr. Embree and Dr. Johnson.

Mr. McGill decided that he wanted to get a letter out to the Committee without further delay, so he has finally decided upon the personnel, which includes both Dr. Odum and Dr. Cole. I find that I made a mistake yesterday when I said that Mrs. Ames' name would not be on the Committee, for it is, but I imagine that Mr. McGill insisted upon it. I think there are thirty-seven members, or rather thirty-seven are being asked to serve. It is quite possible that a few will not accept the invitation.

You will be interested to know that the following business and professional men have authorized that their names be signed to the statement:

<u>Business</u>

J. H. Anderson, President, Miller's, Inc., Knoxville, Tenn.
S. Y. Austin, President, Avondale Mills, Sylacauga, Ala.
C. W. Coleman, Director of Public Relations, Callaway Mills,
Donald Comer, Avondale Mills, Ala.
F. E. Barkley, President, C. M. McClung Hardware Co.,
Knoxville, Tenn.
R. L. Foreman, Jr., Insurance, Atlanta, Ga.
George R. Dempster, President, Dempster Bros., Inc.,
Const. and Equipment, Knoxville, Tenn.
James G. Hanes, Hanes Hosiery Mills, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Joel C. Harris, Atlanta, Ga.
C. W. Henderson, Wholesale Coal, Knoxville, Tenn.
A. D. Huddleston, Regional Mgr., Aluminum Co. of America,
Alcoa, Tenn.
J. B. Ivey, J. B. Ivey & Co., Department Stores,
Charlotte, N. C.
Smith L. Johnston, Sr., President, Bank of Woodstock, Ga.
Bernard J. Kane, Atlanta, Ga.
Armand May, American Associated Companies, Atlanta, Ga.
E. P. Peabody, President, National Exchange Bank, Augusta, Ga.
H. W. Pittman, President, Porterdale Mills, Porterdale, Ga.
Philip Shulhafer, Insurance, Atlanta, Ga.
C. A. Stair, Vice President, Southern Bell Telephone Co.,
Atlanta, Ga.
G. K. Walters, President and Manager, School and Office Supply
Co., Knoxville, Tenn.

Business (Continued)

Kendall Weisiger, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Atlanta, Ga.
W. H. Wiseman, Wiseman Funeral Home, Erin, Tenn.

Professional

H. A. Alexander, Lawyer, Atlanta
J. T. Engleby, Jr., Lawyer, Roanoke, Va.
Charles I. Francis, Corporation Lawyer, Houston, Tex.
R. B. Herbert, Lawyer, Columbia, S. C.
W. C. Henson, Lawyer, Cartersville, Ga.
Benjamin F. McMurry, Architect, Knoxville, Tenn.
W. F. McMurray, Lawyer, Paducah, Ky.
Neal B. Spahr, Lawyer, Knoxville, Tenn.
J. Morgan Stevens, Lawyer, Jackson, Miss.
Harry S. Strozier, Lawyer, Macon, Ga.

Then, the following are grouped under "Government":

Francis R. Bridges, Jr., Chmn. Fla. Parole Commission, Tallahassee, Fla.
Honorable Colgate W. Darden, Governor of Virginia, Richmond
G. C. Bearden, Knox. Col Com'r. Highways & Public Works, Knoxville, Tenn.
J. Fred Bibb, Criminal Judge, Knoxville
G. L. Fate Burnett, Knox. Co. Com'r. of Welfare & Institutions, Knoxville
W. C. Burton, Attorney General, Knox Co., Knoxville
Taylor H. Cox, Circuit and Criminal Judge, Knoxville
J. W. Elmore, Jr., County Judge, Knoxville
Bernard A. Gleason, Judge, General Sessions Court, Knoxville
John M. Kelly, Circuit Judge, Knoxville
Joe P. Kinsey, Chief of Police, Knoxville
Hasen Kreis, Sheriff of Knox Co., Knoxville
A. E. Mitchell, Chancellor, Chancery Court, Knoxville
R. M. Murphy, County Agent, Knoxville
W. P. Taylor, City Welfare Director, Knoxville
Hu B. Webster, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge, Knoxville
Robert P. Williams, City Judge, Knoxville, Tenn.
Charles G. Kelly, Judge, General Sessions Court, Knoxville

There are now 241 signatures, and the other names are groups under "Civic Leaders", (Including Y. M. and Y. W. Secretaries, Club Presidents, etc.); "Labor Leaders"; "Press"; "Church"; and "Education." I am sure that you will be interested to hear that Jackson Davis sent in his signature!

If you have anything encouraging to report on finances, please tell me. My morale declined a good many points (or degrees!) after I read Mr. Brownlee's letter, a copy of which is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

June 4, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Box 5
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

It has been such a long time since I have heard from you that I am wondering whether you have gone to the North Pole to escape the heat!

Is the Commission going to continue operation after June 30? We have enough money in the bank to carry us through that date, but no more. So far, we have received only one check of $5,000 from the Rosenwald Fund, which Miss Elvidge called "a contribution toward the current expenses of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation," without mentioning any further payment on the $15,000 appropriation. Will it be possible for the Fund to send us another check for $5,000 this month, or shall I put a CLOSED sign on the door?!

You have not yet given me instructions as to Dr. Cole's status beginning June 1, about which I wrote you several weeks ago. Dr. Johnson wrote that he approved of the second alternative -- that Dr. Cole go on quarter time as of June 1, but that he would discuss the matter with you in Chicago on May 31 and that he hoped we could "see ourselves soon in better position to guarantee the security of the program in a manner that would warrant his full time activities with the Commission." That sounds a little encouraging, but we need something more definite, so please let me hear from you by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. I have written the executor of Miss Smith's estate, asking when we might expect to receive payment, but have had no reply to my letter.

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Dear Miss. Clay: Please deposit this check and if there is in the fill a duplicate of this years income statement, please send it along so that I may be prepared for the worst on June 15th

Please send cancelled checks for this year - since Jan 1 -

You will have another $5000 from the Roosevelt Fund before July 1. Have faith!

Johnson, Adams, Cole and I will meet at Richmond on the 16th and clear up Coles status.

Thanks + best wishes.

W.H.W.

Mailed to Mr. S. Clay 6/9/43 - 36d

July 2, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Each day I have planned to write, but it seems to me that I am "snowed under" all the time. Furthermore, I really have tried to give you a rest for a while, so far as my correspondence was concerned! Have you noticed?!

It will be fine to have the Rosenwald check within the next few days; at least, I hope it will be here early next week, for we shall not be able to pay our bills until it comes. The Commission's bank account has never been so near the red before, and I don't like it. It makes me feel too much like a pauper, but I still have faith that a better day will come, in spite of the fact that you think I have lost my faith. Frankly, though, I have difficulty in keeping it sometime when I have no concrete evidence of an increased bank account. Can you blame me?

I had hoped that the Esther Morton Smith legacy would have been sent to us sometime ago. After writing several letters to the executor, however, I have finally received a reply in which he indicates that it may be some time yet before we can hope to receive it. He seems to be having some difficulty in settling the estate because of some mortgages in which Miss Smith had a part interest. I still hope that it will eventually come through, but that doesn't pay the immediate bills.

Did you receive the bank statements which were sent to you sometime ago? Don't forget that it is necessary to have these when time comes to make up income tax statements. Do you want me to send the statement for June, which I got from the bank today?

Your salary check was deposited today ($901.20) and an expense check for $170.07 came from Chicago on June 25.

I have wondered what you and Mr. Daniels decided about having messages sent to the White House. We were all ready to get them out here when Dr. Odum came in and we discussed what the result might be. After weighing it from all angles, it seemed to us that we might do more harm than

good, so we decided that we should confer with you again before acting. We tried to reach you over the 'phone, but the circuits were tied up and it would have been four or five hours, the operator said, before we could have got the connection through. Dr. Odum, therefore, decided to send you the nightletter. I hope that you were not displeased, and I have wished that we might have talked with you about the whole thing. The tension is so great down here, and we were at the time threatened with a riot (or rumors of one) here in Atlanta, that we did not want to do one thing that might add fuel to the fire. I think that things are under control here for the moment, but there is no telling when some fool may create a serious situation by starting one of these rumors.

Do you plan to come down this way any time soon? It seems ages since you were here and it would be good to have a chance to talk with you about things in general and the Commission in particular.

I was interested in your comments on the Richmond meeting. You must have been feeling awfully old when you looked at the Negro group. I have looked over the list of those who were present and it seems to me that, with the exception of the Youth Congress member from Birmingham and perhaps one other Negro, the age groups were pretty well divided. I was interested, too, to see that of the fourteen white members of the Continuation Committee eight were members of the Commission or of one of the state committees, while of the thirteen Negro members of the committee eight were members of the Commission or of a state committee. Nine of the Negroes are educators, and not one of them represents the church - not one of the thirteen, I mean. Four of the fourteen white members are educators and five are church representatives. I still cannot see how the Negroes can expect a new organization with new leadership to emerge from this thing when the <u>same</u> people in both groups are interested in the Commission, or have been working with it through the years, with few exceptions. I shall be very much interested in seeing how they work out their plans, if they have any, on August 4-5. I certainly do wish that I could talk with you about this.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. It's eight o'clock P. M. now, but we decided to take a holiday Monday, as all of us are pretty well tired out, but there were some things which I wanted to finish before going home.

Edwin R. Embree
President

Dorothy A. Elvidge
Secretary and Comptroller

Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
CHICAGO

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Director for Rural Education

William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships

June 17, 1943

Miss Emily Clay
Commission on Interracial Cooperation
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Miss Clay:

Here is a letter I have just had from Mr. Embree. I have replied to him that this arrangement would be satisfactory. You will, therefore, receive an additional check for $5,000 the first week in July.

I was interested in the meeting at Richmond yesterday. So far as the white meeting was concerned it was largely the same old crowd that comes to the Commission meeting, with the exception of some Catholic leaders, the CIO representatives, and Mr. Dabney. On the Negro side it was definitely a meeting of the younger Negro leaders. Apparently we have yet to find broad Southern white support. Perhaps this committee, which apparently will continue and develop into a permanent organization, can accomplish that. Aside from the absence of new white faces I felt that the meeting was definitely encouraging.

Dr. Johnson and I had a good talk with Dr. Cole. He understands that he is to be on a one-quarter time, to receive one-quarter pay, and to be responsible for the general direction of the activities in the Atlanta office.

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander

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June 15, 1943

Dear Will: In response to your note of June 12, Miss Elvidge and I both ask if it would be all right for us to send the $5,000 to the Interracial Commission just after July 1.

If we make any payments of this size before the end of June, we will have to call in some loans that will represent a loss of interest. If the Commission can possibly make out for another two weeks, we shall see to it that the check arrives promptly during the first week in June.

Very truly yours,

E. Embree

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Dr. Will W. Alexander
Box 5
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

July 15, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Box 5
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Since you reported "trouble" at the bank, I thought you might like to be assured that the Government expense check for $263.60 was deposited on July 12, and a check for $202.59 from the Rosenwald Fund was deposited today.

We have had some splendid comments on UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS. Bishop Wing thought so highly of it that he bought 100 copies to distribute among Episcopalians in Florida. As a result, we are now receiving orders from some of the Episcopal ministers in his diocese. I think I'll write to some of the other bishops and let them know what their brother is doing! Mr. Dent also ordered 100 copies of this pamphlet, as well as AMERICA'S TENTH MAN, which has just come from the printer today, after having been revised by Dr. Ira Reid. Mr. David Jones ordered two dozen copies of UNDERSTANDING OUR NEIGHBORS, which he thought was "excellent," to "put in strategic places." On second thought, I'll enclose copies of a few of the letters. I had copies made to send to Dr. Odum and Dr. Cole, as I am keeping the originals here in the office. I wrote Dr. Cole the other day that I was getting such a thrill out of the praises that anyone might think I had written the pamphlet myself!

As the reprint of Dr. Cole's article in SOCIAL FORCES was sent out last week, we are now receiving some good letters about it, also. I hope that lots of the members will follow Dr. Odum's suggestion and write to Dr. Cole.

Although I remember that you don't like to have special note taken of this day, I send greetings, nevertheless, and best wishes for many more very happy birthdays.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 25

Chairman
PAUL V. McNUTT
FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

July 15, 1943

Miss Emily Clay
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Clay:

Recently the editors brought out a special edition of "Opportunity" magazine, dealing with the Negro and his Government. Under separate cover I am sending you a number of these for such use as you can make of them. If you find these of value it might be possible for you to get additional copies from the publishers.

I am glad to know that you got your $5,000 promptly.

As I understand it the Joint Committee, set up from Richmond, is to meet in Atlanta the first week in August. While I am not a member of this committee, Charles Johnson has suggested that he would like to have me in Atlanta at the time of the meeting. I assume, therefore, that I will come down at that time. I suppose that after this meeting in Atlanta we will know what direction the new movement will take and will be able to better judge as to the future of the work of the commission. I have no idea what the committee will recommend or who is making the plans which it will consider. So far as I could see in Richmond they had little advanced planning except such as had been done by Mrs. Ames and Miss Wilkins who seemed to have done some work with certain members of the committee the day before the meeting. Whether they are taking steps to guide the meeting to be held in Atlanta, I, of course, do not know.

I am leaving Saturday for Los Angeles with Charles Johnson and Mr. Embree. On this trip I will have an opportunity to talk with Johnson and see what he knows about the plans for the meeting. I have had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Odum but he knows very little about what was in the air. He is genuinely concerned about the wisest thing to be done and apparently plans to give real attention to the meeting.

I have been at one or two meetings of small groups of Negro leaders recently and find some tendency on the part of Negroes outside of the South to make good humored fun of the Durham crowd. On

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

the other hand the Pittsburgh Courier has recently had an editorial friendly toward the Richmond meeting and expressing hope that some real movement might result from these efforts. All of this makes the Atlanta meeting very important.

Jackson Davis was present for part of the day at Richmond. He had nothing to say and I do not know what his attitude will be. I do not know whether or not he will attend the meeting in Atlanta. His approval and support of any plans that are made is highly desireable. I got the impression from my last talk with him that he did not consider the situation serious and felt that there was little that could be done about it except along the lines of work in the colleges. He did not suggest anything else. He is retiring within a year or two and has grown even more conservative as the years have gone by. I suspect any movement that really gets down to grips with the problem in the South will have to look for new sources of support insofar as the Rockefeller interests are concerned.

You ask about the children - Bill should, by this time, be overseas, John is somewhere on the Atlantic as a Minesweeper and Edgar is trying to get started running the farm. The house building venture is going ahead slowly and I suppose sometime early in the fall we can begin to live in it. I will be glad of this because the present living arrangements are very expensive.

I have heard nothing about vacations for those of you there at the Atlanta office. I hope you will get away and find a cool and pleasant place to rest.

With continued best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander

Will W. Alexander

August 19, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Cosmos Club, Box 5
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

The expense check for $235.77 finally came from Miss Elvidge and was deposited on August 13.

The letter was sent to members of the Commission, signed by you, with copies of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN. Already we have had some good responses. Mrs. McCoy writes:

> "Thank you very much for the revised copy of The Tenth Man. I read the pamphlet through immediately on receiving it, and found it most interesting and better organized than previous issues.
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> "I have given the copy you sent to me to one of the Sociology teachers here to read. I believe I shall have requests for other copies. If so, how do I get them, and what do they cost?
>
> "I hope all goes well with you and yours, and that you get good news from the boys in the Armed Services."

I wrote her that we could send desk copies to members of the College faculty if she would send me their names, and gave her the prices in case a number of the pamphlets were desired. She responded with a check for one dozen copies, which have been sent to her. I gave her as much news as I had about the boys and told her that I was sending her letter on to you, so here it is in case you want to write her. The address, as you may remember, is Alabama College, Montevallo.

Mr. C. C. Spaulding writes:

> "I thank you for sending me a copy of the newly revised edition of AMERICA'S TENTH MAN. I have been interested in this pamphlet ever since it was published. I firmly believe that books of this nature are doing much to create a better feeling between the races. It is certainly helping the other race to understand the Negro better and after all understanding each other is half of the battle.
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> "I am so impressed with the book that I would like for you to send me 100 copies. Check for $4.00 is enclosed.
>
> "With all good wishes,"

The following came from Mr. Fred L. Brownlee, addressed to the Commission:

> "Congratulations on issuing 'America's Tenth Man'! We are one of your cooperating agencies. May we have for general distribution fifty copies of this excellent pamphlet? Thank you."

These have been sent, of course.

I almost had a heart attack Monday when an order for 2,000 copies of SONGS OF THE SOUTH was received, with the request that a bill be sent before September 1! Fortunately, we had the booklet reprinted a short while ago.

This week we have been swamped with request from individuals and organizations, including the Mayor's interracial committee in Kansas City, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Public Library of the District of Columbia, for one or more of our pamphlets. These requests have come from various points in the South and from Wisconsin, Nebraska, and as far west as California. I am analyzing the requests which we have received since the first of the year to see how they stack up geographically. We have been getting so many from outside the South (notice, I didn't say the North!) that I was anxious to find out what the proportion is. The results should be interesting.

Mrs. Park is still on her vacation but will be back next week. Sometime after that I am hoping to be able to stay away from the office for a week or two. With no definite plans in view, however, there is no great incentive to do so, except that I am rather tired and am just recovering from an awful cold.

I have been wondering whether your blower arrived safely, and whether it was the kind you needed. What about it?

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

August 19, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Cosmos Club, Box 5
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

It really embarrasses me to have to write you again on the subject of finances, but since you are the Santa Claus to whom we look for our financial requirements I must report that we shall need another check on the Rosenwald Fund's current appropriation before the middle of September. We have enough money in the bank to carry us through this month, after which there will be something like $1,000 to apply on the September budget. That will not be sufficient for rent, telephone, etc., which must be paid early in September, and salaries which will be due September 15. May we expect another check?

This raises a question which has been bothering me. Will special provision be made for expenses in connection with the incorporation and development of the Southern Regional Council? As I understand it, until the Board of Directors (many of whom are not yet a part of the new movement) actually approves the transfer of the Commission's assets to the Southern Regional Council, I would have no authority to issue checks for such expenses in case I should be asked to do so. As long as this was not an organization, but was simply a movement which seemed to be a means of strengthening the program of the Commission, Dr. Cole and I felt that we were justified in paying the small expenses incurred on account of the Atlanta and Richmond conferences. Since the result is a new organization, in which so few members of the Board of Directors and the Commission are now included, the situation seems to call for special action. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Odum, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Cole, and I shall appreciate it if I may have instructions, either individually or collectively.

In talking with Mr. Weisiger the other day, I learned that Dr. Ashby Jones was quite indignant when he heard of the formation of the new Council and expressed the opinion that the Commission had been let down. I hope that he and other Board and Commission members who are still "on the outside" will not get worked up over it before the annual meeting. This may be presumptuous, but do you think it would help if a letter of explanation were sent at least to the Board members pretty soon? Maybe Dr. Odum would write them, or maybe he has already done so. One person who spoke to me about the announcement wondered why your name did not appear among those who composed the nucleus of the Council. Perhaps that bothered Dr. Jones, too; I don't know. At any rate, it seems to me that we might be saved some hard feelings and much needless discussion at the meeting if the members could have advance information of what is planned. What do you think?

Sincerely yours,

Gray to
Dr. Odum
Dr. Johnson
Dr. Cole

Baily M. Clay

August 19, 1943

letter to Wise

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Here is a copy of a letter on which I shall appreciate an expression from you, either directly or through Dr. Alexander.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

August 27, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Cosmos Club, Box 5
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Mr. Carson, our auditor, was in the office today and asked whether you had remembered that an income tax reporting the estimated income for 1943 would have to be filed on or before September 15. As I did not know, he suggested that it would be a good thing for me to send you a note — whether you want him to help with it or not! It seems that we have scarcely finished filing one report when it is time to file another one, but it could be worse, I suppose.

Dr. Odum sent a letter for the Commission members this week and asked us to get it out. We sent it immediately and a copy went to you. I hope that this will at least pacify the Commission members who might have been disturbed about the newspaper publicity concerning the new Council.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

September 3, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Cosmos Club, Box 5
Washington, D. C. 25

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Thanks for your letter of August 28 and for your part in getting another payment from the Fund at this time. As you received a copy of Miss Elvidge's letter to me, you know that the check has come. A copy of my acknowledgment is enclosed.

I shall be glad to let Dr. Johnson know of inquiries which we receive from official interracial committees. One came a few days ago, by way of Dr. Odum, from a member of such a committee in West Virginia. The interest in this subject certainly seems to be spreading, and I hope it will result in improved race relations all over the country.

It is good to know that you will soon be paying us another visit. I shall be expecting a letter or telegram saying when you will arrive, and whether or not you want a hotel reservation.

Mr. Carson has been out of the city ever since I received your note about the income tax return. I feel sure, however, that he can prepare it for you, although I cannot tell him the amount which has been paid on your tax this year, as both the original and the carbon of the 1942 return were sent to you. If you have a record of the amount, please let me have it by return mail, in case Mr. Carson doesn't know. Also, let me know whether you will be here in time to sign the blank on or before September 15, or whether you want it mailed to Washington.

I hope that you will have no difficulty in getting the furnace.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

P.S. Your salary check for August ($769.40) was deposited on September 1. The bank balance on August 31 was $164.36.

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 25

Chairman
PAUL V. McNUTT
FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

August 28, 1943

Miss Emily Clay
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Miss Clay:

In Chicago this week I talked with Mr. Embree and Dr. Johnson and a check will reach you from the Rosenwald Fund soon after the first of September.

I note that Dr. Odum has sent out a letter of some sort to the Commission members. I had a copy of it this morning and I shall enclose it in this letter. I wonder if this will answer the purpose suggested in your letter of August 19. You called attention to the fact that my name was not among those who composed the nucleus of the Council. You will recall that because of my connections in Washington it had seemed wise that my name not appear in this development in any way whatsoever.

I plan to come to Atlanta between now and the 15th and if Dr. Odum's communication with the Commission members does not seem to have met the situation I shall get out a letter myself at that time. I am much impressed with the reports that have come in reflecting the cordial reception which has been given the revised America's Tenth Man.

The blower arrived safely and it is exactly what we need if we can now get a furnace. I discovered that this requires a priority and I have made elaborate and proper application for such. I presume it will come through.

I note that you are receiving a great many inquiries for literature. I wish you would make a note on such inquiries that come from official committees such as the Mayor's Committee in Kansas City or any State Committees that have been appointed by Governors and send a report of the existence of such committees to Dr. Charles Johnson at Fiske University.

I will let you know just as soon as I can get my schedule fixed as to when I will be in Atlanta. I suggest that no publicity be given to my expected visit.

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander

Will W. Alexander

Enclosure

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MRS. JESSIE DANIEL AMES
DIRECTOR OF FIELD WORK

August 25, 1943

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMISSION ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION, INC.

My dear Friends:

We are enclosing a copy of the findings of the Atlanta Continuation Committee from Durham, Atlanta, and Richmond previous meetings. You will note that we followed two recommendations of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which voted to enlarge the Commission into a Council on Southern Regional Development. As you know, there have been so many difficulties involved that it never seemed possible to carry out these recommendations of the Commission. The prospect now looks better, and I know you will be happy to learn that we are working on this as faithfully as possible and hope to report to you further progress and suggestions at an early fall meeting.

We are working also with a number of southern agencies to see if we can all get together in this one larger group, which will come nearer combining all the interest of all the people than any yet undertaken.

This is just a little letter to report to the Commission and to say that we shall be reporting back to the Commission officially just as soon as any plan is definite enough.

Cordially yours,

HOWARD W. ODUM

ENCLOSURE:
Findings

September 21, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Box 5, Cosmos Club
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

After I gave Mrs. Tilly your message yesterday, she asked me if I did not think that the check should be made payable to the Commission. I replied that I did not know, as it might make it appear that we were getting an additional contribution by subterfuge, or you might have some reason for not wanting it to go through our treasury. She spoke to Mrs. Ames, also, and Mrs. Ames suggested that she leave it up to you. I think that she is planning to write you to this effect. Of course, it will be entirely satisfactory so far as I am concerned to have the check come to us, but I thought that there might be reasons why it would seem better to have the check made to Mrs. Tilly as Jurisdictional Secretary of the W.S.C.S., or whatever that long title is. Whatever you decide will be all right.

As you know, Dr. Cole was here last Tuesday. I was a little surprised to find that he apparently knows very little more than we do here about the plans for the Southern Regional Council. He had thought that he was supposed to talk with Dr. Reid, but didn't know whether to do so or not. He finally decided to go out and visit with him, anyway. I have been thinking about this a lot since Dr. Cole left, although he, of course, did not discuss it, and -- man to man -- I want to ask a question, in confidence! If Dr. Cole is being thought of as the man to head the Council, doesn't it seem as if he would be included in conferences at which plans are being drawn up for the new organization -- conferences with Dr. Odum, Dr. Johnson, and you? It seems to me that it would be much more difficult for a man to take over a ready-made organization than one in which he had had a part in developing the plans. What do you think? Please don't ever let Dr. Odum know that I had the audacity to raise such a question -- and I wouldn't with anyone but you. It has been on my mind, though, and I felt that I could pass it on to you without being misunderstood.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

October 1, 1943

Dr. Will W. Alexander
Box 5
Cosmos Club
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Thanks for your letter of September 25. We have heard nothing further from Mr. Haas and I hope that it will not be necessary to find expense money for the lawyer in the Florida case.

The chief purpose of this letter is to report that I am planning to take a vacation next week, since Clement arrived this morning for a brief leave. If I should be needed for any reason, please let Mrs. Park know and she will get in touch with me. I shall be at home most of the time.

Clement has at last been detached from that desk job in Washington and has been given what appears to be a most interesting assignment. I almost envy him! After a short period of training in Florida, he will fly to Europe, with two photographers and two assistants, as the representative of the Surgeon General to find out how the wounded men are being cared for. Then, according to present plans, he will return to Washington and, later, go to the Pacific area for the same sort of inspection. He looks well and seems to be enthusiastic over the new duty.

I hope the house is progressing satisfactorily.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Emily H. Clay

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September 25, 1943

Miss Emily H. Clay
710 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Miss Clay:

If it is absolutely necessary to pay the expenses of Mr. Poe for a conference with Mr. Haas and Mr. Purdom in connection with the Florida, I would find extra money for that purpose. It seems to me, however, that he would, in some way, be able to finance it.

I note what you say about Dr. Cole, however, all that has been done now is in connection with an attempt to get finances. I am sure that Dr. Cole is glad to be relieved of this. Until that is cleared up the other matters that you refer to will have to be held in abeyance anyway. When we get the money Cole and Reid will have a free hand in using initiative in developing the organization.

Sincerely,

Will W. Alexander
B.H.

Will W. Alwxander
Special Assistant

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Dr. Will W. Alexander
Room 4278
Social Security Building
Washington, D. C.

Unable contact you on telephone. Have talked with Charles Johnson and Cole and staff here Atlanta. My personal opinion three reasons why President should not make statement at this time: First, would antagonize the South which would interpret the message as warning the South; second, might start rumor that President knows about planned uprisings; third, for the ~~xxxxx~~ President of the United States to appeal in public message to prevent uprisings or revolution would be most unfortunate Axis propaganda. Unless therefore you still think well of the idea we will not send telegrams at this time. Why not talk with Jonathan Daniels on these three points? If you two recommend it Mrs. Ames can still send them

Howard W. Odum

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COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Tell Mr V that this is being sent at my request
E. K. 8-2-43

Dear Miss Clay: Please send to Rev A. L. Lyon Vaiden - Trinity Church Princeton N.J. a packet containing samples of all available literature and information. He is an interested clergyman who desires to be educated -
I will arrive in Atlanta Wed a.m. Aug 4. Please make a reservation for me at the Piedmont H. W.A.

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January 25, 1963

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, both for the commendation of our South Carolina farmers study and for the helpful comments.

I am asking Wiley Branton, director of our Voter Education Project, to write to you in answer to your question about the voter campaign. I am doing this for two reasons - one is that Wiley is closest to the subject, and the other is that I would like for you to get to know, even if only by correspondence, this man who has such a unique responsibility today.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

January 25, 1963

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

At the last meeting of the Southern Regional Council in November 1962, the Members decided to establish Life Fellowships in the Council and, from time to time, to elect to this honor persons who have given distinguished service to the cause of equal opportunities, and all the problems of the South.

I am instructed by the Council to inform you that you have been elected a Life Fellow and to convey to you the enclosed certificate.

The Members further voted that Life Fellows should receive all Council publications and should be invited to attend the Annual Meetings of the Council with all privileges of Members, except voting.

You will be interested to know, I believe, that four others were elected at the same time. They are: Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, Richmond, Va.; Bishop M. LaFayette Harris, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. Edward A. McDowell, Wake Forest, N. C.

I would like to add, if I may, my personal gratification that this action was taken by the membership, and my hopes that you will communicate with us from time to time and whenever we may be of assistance to you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj
Enclosure - (Life Fellow Certificate)

February 15, 1963

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Mr. Dunbar asked me some days ago to reply to your letter of January 4. Please accept my apologies for not getting this to you sooner.

You asked Mr. Dunbar for information on the extent to which Negro leaders are cooperating with each other's organizations in the Negro voter campaigns. VEP has supported projects in Durham, Raleigh, Warren counties and several of the coastal counties. To this date we have received full reports only on the Durham and Raleigh programs. Our reports do not indicate that conflicts among Negro leaders were a serious handicap to either of these two projects. It does appear, however, that a conflict existed between the Negro leadership and those who were presumably the followers of that leadership in Raleigh. We were able to get a detailed analytic report of the Raleigh project and our observer concluded that one of the most serious bars to meaningful political participation by Raleigh Negroes was the fact that they disliked and distrusted those top Negro leaders in the community. We do not conclude from this that blame is to be placed on either side of the conflict, but we merely observe that the conflict appears to exist to the detriment of political progress, for Negroes in Raleigh. We can speculate that one reason for the

conflict may be a lack of meaningful communication between leaders and followers and that, therefore, the followers do not see any benefit to themselves in cooperating with and giving support to the leaders.

I fear that these observations have not really answered your question but then I'm not sure that we are yet in a position to answer that question. The matter of cooperation among Negro leaders, the nature of organization bickering and jealousy, are areas of primary concern to us in our overall research program. We shall expect ultimately to have several things to say on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Jack Minnis
Director of Research

JM:jl

JESSIE DANIEL AMES 4 January, 1963

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA

Acknowledge Mr. Ames! by J. Lee for Pfy see rep. Lee

My dear Mr. Dunbar:

Thank you for the Study of Negro Farmers in Sourh Carolina. I am sending it on to my nephew in Washington who is working the Rural Areas Development.

The last time I heard him on this subject, he said that the only state in the South that had a Negro in the FHA is North Carolina.

During the last war the Government set up some kind of committee to work in the states through Agricultural agencies to train Negroes for jobs in work not open to them. I sat in on several of the meetings in states. The attitude of the leaders was that it would be harmful to train Negroes for jobs for which there would be no demand. Train them to be more efficient in those for which they were needed. In other words for "Negro" jobs. This report on the situation in

Atlanta leads me to think that the attitude on the part of those who control the school system is not changed from that of twenty years ago. I have always believed that economics is involved in almost every racial situation. I know that it was in lynching.

I hope I will get some information from your office on the extent to which Negro leaders are cooperating with each others' organizations in the Negro voter campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Daniel Ames

February 28, 1963

Miss Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Miss Ames:

I want to thank you most warmly for your letter of January 28. Without planning it, my wife and I seem to get up your way about once every summer, and when we do again I shall look forward to stopping by to visit you.

I have never seen the files on the organizing meetings of the Council, and I would like just to finger them.

On the whole, I think that the membership of the Council, which you mentioned in your letter of February 25, is keeping a balance between youth and age. I suppose that in the nature of things, election to the Council is, and should be, restricted to people who have already achieved some distinction, and this means that the very young don't get elected. But of the score of new members elected the last two years, all are persons in the very height of their activity. Membership on the Executive Committee has also been kept open. During the past

two years, for example, five new members (Nelson, R. Wheeler, Williams, S. Wright, and Young) have gone on the Committee replacing five veterans, and this means that one third of the Committee has turned over during the two-year period.

My very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mmj

28 January 1963

My dear Mr. Dunbar:

I do appreciate being one of the first to be elected a Life Fello of the Southern Regional Council. The certificate is beautuflly done. I shall frame it and hang it along side other certificates conferred on me for other activities in which I have been engaged.

I am delighted that Dr. McDowell and Dr,.Hancock are among the five. I do not know who Bishop Harris is. I do know Mr. Haas slightly , but his wife much better. Dr. McDowell and Dr. Hancock are rare persons. Without the courage of Dr. Hancock there would not have been the series of meetings out of which the Council was made.

Some day I hope that you and I will meet for there is a story back of the organization, unwritten and known only to two other persons. The manner in which the Council was organized caused me the greatest unhappiness of my whole public career- a devastating slap in the face.

I think you probably know that I have all the files on the meetings, Durham, Atlanta and Richmond, to-gether with all the correspondence connected with them. Guy Johnson, the Executive Director of the infant SRC, gave them tom me. He said they were my work and I should have them.Two PhDs have been used in writing theses by Chapel Hill graduates.

But I do believe in the principles of the SRC. I approve of the organization under your direction more than I have under your predecessors.

Very sincerely yours,

Jessie Rhume Burns

25 February, 1963

My dear Mr. Dunbar:

I am still reading the material which has come to me from the Council. The report- Desegration in Higher Education- is of special value to me, for I am frequently asked how many and what schools in North Carolina are desegregated- that is the colleges and and non-state ones. I am suprised but pleased by the number of denominational colleges and Universities listed. I regret that my own denomination makes apoor showing .

My native state of Texas shows up high in the list of states. I regret that my Alma Mater there has not yet desegregated, though there is a great deal of pressure being brought on the University by the Faculty and some of the leading citizens. The friction is caused by the struggle to desegregate the Public Schools- the argument- if the University desegregates, it will be a bad influence in keeping the Public Schools segregated.

Also, I find many, or rather quite a few, of the members of the Council who were members of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. I wonder if the proportion of old persons, I am speaking of age, outnumbers the younger members. I think this is not so good if they do outnumber the younger ones. I thought Mr. Dabbs's address was quite interesting but rather unrealistic and irrelevant. I have his book- The Southern Heritage- which impressed me the same way as his address at the annual meeting.

Cordially yours,

Jessie Rhume Rhuno

Tryon, North Carolina

24 March, 1963

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My dear Mr. Dunbar:

I am looking forward to a visit from you and Mrs. Dunbar just anytime this summer. I do have a flow of visitors in the summers, some relatives for weekeends, old friends for a day, a few from Atlanta. But not all of them every summer.

I fear me that when you begin to " just finger" the files covering the organization meetings preceding the the Birth of the Southern Regional Council, I shall have to watch to see that none of them " sticks" to your fingers. They, the files, include not only the minutes of these meetings, but the correspondence with leaders of the South, news clippings approving and denouncing the whole movement- and so on. Two graduate students of the University here in Chapel Hill sued them as resource material for PhD theses. Week-ends saw them here sitting at my desk taking notes, and, occasionally, coming to me for clarification of some point, or to ask about certain characters who denounced the movement.

But you may have all the time you think you must. Maybe, I told you that just before I left the office, I asked Guy Johnson if he would like to read the material. This was about two weeks before the SRC took form. He said he would and I left all the stuff with him- around six in the evening.

Next morning he told me that he had intended to glance through the folders and then go on to his hotel. But- he said- I spent the entire night reading them. He could not stop. I had no idea that they carried such a degree of tension. I had arranged them chonologically in the folders.

I had a long letter from Dr. Hancock last week- the first that I have any word from him since I left the SRC. I was delighted to hear from him, and hope that some day we two may meet and talk over the " good old days" when he and I both were being scorched, he by his own race and I by both races.

It is well that you are bringing in some younger persons to carry on. I think you are not too far along in the sere and yellow yourself. But what about the women?

The Work Book of the Fellowship of the Concerned is beautifully gotten up. I have gone over the report with some care. I have not yet found anything in it which tells what the women have done..There is much inspirational matter and suggestions for action, but no reports of action taken. I had a letter from a Mississippi friend who attended one of these meetings. She was greatly stimulated spiritually and was sure that good would follow this meeting.

I am not adverse to such meetings, but always I have held that resolutons, programs for action, and so on, should be followed by action.

Cordially yours,

Jessie Daniel Ames

File: Board - Life Fellows

JESSIE DANIEL AMES

6 October, 1963

BOX 626, TYRON, NORTH CAROLINA
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Dear Josephine:

Careful study of my two letters to Dr. Hancock, one 12 March, the second , 7 April, convinces me that I was referring in the first letter to Wanted- A Southern Charter, and not to Hypertension- incidentally I am sure Mr. Eleazar had that reprinted- I shall quote from the second letter:

" Thank you for your editorial. I took you at your word and revised it enough to fit the subheads etc"...

"The suggestion you made in the end appealed to me at the time."

You will notice that in this second letter I edited the "editorial" and that I use the past tense indicating that at the time his article appeared, I had noted the end of his article.

There is nothing in the Hypertension leaflet which could even hint at Negro leadership, but the one to which I am sure I was referring is the Charter.

For me the mystery is solved. It did have me bothered, for I could not accept Dr. H's claim that Hypertension moved me. I do not think it is at all important to take any hing up with him. And I do Not think anyone who reads the articles in the NEW SOUTH will notice anything. Nor do I think for historical reasons, this is important.

I had to see what I could find on this puzzle before going to bed. I'll have Juanita mail this in the morning.

Jessie Ames

Our task lifted my spirits - Also the possibility of the meeting in Charlotte - cheers - Jessie
Such the picture of Mrs. Tilley cools my ardor - Forgive

March 12, 1942

My dear Mr. Hancock:

For several years I have been following your column which is carried by the Associated Negro Press both with interest and the sense of satisfaction which comes to one who sees much of her own point of view expressed by another person.

In one of the recent issues you wrote on types of Negro leadership that leads me to extend to you an invitation to write an article of from six hundred to nine hundred words for the April issue of THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

This is what I have in mind. I may be wrong, and, if I am, I know you will tell me so without restraint. It seems to me that now is the time of all times when Southern white and Negro leaders should get together and plan a program of those things obtainable in the near future and those things ultimately desired for the Negro citizens. When this is done, then the same group should plan something that may be called strategy to accomplish both our immediate and ultimate goals.

I feel that the Negroes of the South are fighting a very strong battle to establish their right to speak for Southern Negroes and that we white people have an opportunity to strengthen their hands if we have the courage and vision to see it. It is along these lines that I should like for you to write if you feel that you can do so.

The deadline for the article is April 1 since I am compelled to work up this monthly paper between trips over the South. If you will let me know whether or not you will do this, I shall greatly appreciate it. I am convinced that you have something to say--not only to the Negro subscribers, but even more so to the white readers of this paper.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Daniel Ames

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Dean, Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

ever a Negro-phobe politician arises he is bitterly opposed by the better elements of the white South.

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Our speaker made no mention of the fast-reviving policies of the press wherein the voice of justice for Negroes is becoming louder and more insistent; and he overlooked the larger fact that if the South had been a "total loss" and the nation totally recreant to its high trust, the Negroes could never have made the progress about which we speak so often and with such unbounded pride. Strangely enough, the Negro's business and educational capitols are in the South, at Durham and Atlanta respectively; and what is more, the South is becoming more and more a haven for the educated Negro from the North, for here as nowhere else can he find a field for his moral and intellectual energies.

The hypertension herein set forth is engendered by prejudiced portrayals such as our Negro orator made with such effectiveness. When we get a white orator with the same line, fanning the furies of the white audience, we know we are heading for trouble. Just as whites are getting nowhere by cultivating hatred for Negroes, so Negroes are not getting anywhere by cultivating hatred against the whites.

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The story goes that in Detroit one of the defense factories was making a hurry call for twenty-five men to do a highly expert job on an assembly line. Twenty-four whites arrived for the job, and when told that a Negro had been employed, they sat down in protest. When the Negro arrived and found the men sitting he asked, "Why are these men sitting down instead of working on this hurry job?" The foreman replied, "They do not want to work with you and are sitting in protest against you." "Well," said the Negro, "I'll be going, for this is no time to be sitting down in the face of our national emergency. The completion of the job is more important than my personal feelings."

When the Negro had gone but a little way he heard someone calling to him to return. The foreman said, "These men say your heart is right and they don't mind working with you," and so the Negro went on the job and everybody was satisfied. The orator showed how hypertension is caused; the Negro workman showed how it is cured. There is something in this Negro workman's mien that savors of almightiness; while what he did may not be popular, it is sufficiently powerful to destroy race prejudice root and branch. There could be no greater challenge to the Negroes today than the two courses epitomized by these two Negroes, one a workman and the other a "race leader."

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Interracial Hypertension

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Interracial Hypertension

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock

HYPERTENSION is a fancy name for high blood pressure, just as delinquency is a fancy name for old-fashioned devilment, or prevarication is a fancy name for old-fashioned lying. Medical authorities tell us that hypertension is not a disease but a symptom; even so, unless it is properly treated and relieved, it results disastrously by and by.

There can be no doubt that there is today in race relations a hypertension which, unless treated with the greatest care, will have disastrous consequences. In spite of the preachments of religion and the promises of education, the fact remains that we are definitely entering a dangerous phase of the interracial conflict. In proof whereof we offer the all-too-frequent riotous outbreaks here and there about the country. These outbreaks must be construed as symptomatic of an undercurrent of interracial bitterness that demands the most serious thinking and careful planning, if unhappy results are to be averted.

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In this situation the better class whites and Negroes have one of the mightiest challenges of this generation, and the future of both races is indissolubly bound up with the way this challenge is met. If serious trouble is to be avoided, both whites and Negroes must face the ugly fact that race relations are in a state of hypertension and rupture; that unless matters are speedily taken in hand and shaped according to some constructive plan, we shall probably lose many important gains in race relations that have been won through many years, through sweat and tears.

Riots and rioting are not going to settle the color question in this country; and those misguided whites and Negroes who precipitate these riots are not only endangering the country we are fighting to save, but they are "giving comfort to the enemy" who seeks today to place upon the neck of our nation the yoke of slavery and humiliation. Just as no great moral issue has ever been settled upon the battlefield, so no victory in race relations can be gained by outbreaks of rioting. However resentful Negroes may feel concerning the indignities and injustices they have suffered, it is just as well that we face the stubborn and ugly fact that these things cannot be corrected by riots.

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This article is inspired by a speech which a prominent Negro made within recent weeks before an audience of Negroes numbering nearly a thousand. This man stood for almost an hour and made one of the ablest speeches I have ever heard. But from beginning to end his speech was one continuous rehearsal of the wrongs and injustices which the Negro has suffered in this country. He built up one of the strongest cases against the white man I have ever heard. All the while he was casting himself in the role of hero merely by recounting the woes of his stricken race.

That large audience was deeply moved and the occasion was enveloped in a pall of resentment and bitterness that is bound to do damage sometime, somehow, somewhere. The speaker did not seem to know that when only one side of a question is presented to the exclusion of the other side, the speech becomes propaganda. That the Negroes of this country have suffered many things because of such one-sided presentation did not seem to concern him. Here was a Negro who was the victim of a cruel propaganda turning propagandist himself. He called himself "fighting fire with fire," patently forgetting that such fights and fightings never end in victory, but call for more and more fighting.

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This speaker said not a word about the improved and improving race relations mirrored in a hundred ways, if we compare what the Negro has and enjoys today with what he had and enjoyed two generations ago. He spoke not a word about the growing spirit of justice and fair play in the heart of the New South, evinced by the growing willingness to admit the Negro to full citizenship. Within recent weeks prominent white citizens of South Carolina petitioned the officials of that state to allow Negroes to vote in the Democratic primary. This easily constitutes one of the finest gestures in race relations that has been made since 1876.

Our great speaker said not a word about the decline in lynchings, due to the South's moral awakening led by Southern men and women of the white race who fought—and fight now—against dreadful odds to improve a tragic situation. No mention was made of the most significant fact that the South that sent its Tillmans, Tom Watsons, Hoke Smiths, Cole Blease, Heflins and Vardamans to Congress has one by one recalled them. It has come about that where-

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See Board "Life Fellows"

May 17, 1966

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Please forgive this long delay in answering your thoughtful letter of May 3. Except for an extended trip, you would have heard from me much sooner.

Thank you also for your thoughtful comments on the new quarterly. We have great hopes for it.

We do wish it were possible for you to visit us here in Atlanta, to see the Council and to meet all of the staff people. I am sure that Josephine Wilkins joins me in this invitation. Is your health such that you can travel? If so, we would be pleased and honored to take care of your travel expenses for a journey to Atlanta. Please let us know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

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JESSE DANIEL AMES 3 May, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council;
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Anthony:

The change in the manner of issuing your offical publications is for the better. And, too, the material in a quarterly can be more in detail, more informing, and a bove all, not so often a nd so frequently as in the past.

I have Mr. Silver's, Missippi- A Closed Society. I read his artcile- The Emerging Negro- with interest. I w ondered how much of his material came from personal c ontacts with many emerging Negroes or from a close reading of the press, magazines and other sources. I like his article and I am sure that there is muc h in it that will benew to many of your readers.

Marion Wright is part of my past, as it were. I have always had great respect and admiration for Mr. Wright. I have not heard of the other two writers of the article but anything written by Mr. Wright is worth consideration as coming from one of sound judgement and liberal mind.

I do not know your reading public but I do know there is something worthwhile for every one.

Yours truly,

Jesse Daniel Ames

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Mr. Paul Anthony
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May 31, 1966

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mrs. Ames:

While we will be delighted to pay your expenses to attend the Annual Meeting, we would also welcome a visit with you before that time.

The Annual Meeting schedule always makes for a very hectic time, and I had hoped for an opportunity for those of us on the staff to visit with you at some length. We will have no difficulty handling the expenses of two trips, if you feel you can journey to Atlanta twice.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

JESSIE DANIEL AMES 30 May, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

My dear Mr. Anthony:

Your invitation to me to fly down to Atlanta for a visit and to meet the Council's staff- with expenses paid- removes the reason why I have not attended an annual meeting for at least fifteen years.

I resigned from the Board during the Directorship of Mr. Mitchell because I was not able to go to all the sessions, few of them in fact, and I could not justify the expenditure of the trip. I was not worth that much to the Council.

Instead of making a visit now, I would like to wait until the annual meeting in November. I won't be able to sit through all the meetings but enough for them to meet the few members who are still there, those with whom I worked before the Council was organized.

If this is agreeable to you, I shall plan accordingly.

The pamphlet, The Continuing Crisis, is most enlightening. The change from the days of lynching as the most useful method of keeping Negroes submissive is now economic . But Negroes have hope of better days and better times so that this hope emboldens them to risk death by deprivation, not for themselves but for their children.

Unfortunately the punishment of Negroes in the manner now followed is hidden from the general public; lynchings could not be.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Daniel Ames

Oh, I forgot. I travel with the greatest of ease to my home state of Texas and to Pennsylvania and other points in the east. In fact a nice, old gray haired lady on crutches is overwhelmed with offers of aid- and she is expec ted to accept it all. I Know!

Jesse Daniel Ames
Life Fellows

June 22, 1966

Mrs. Jesse Daniel Ames
Box 526
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Unfortunately, the period from the 12th to the 21st of July is one of very heavy travel for the staff. What of either the first or second week of August?

By all means do plan on a week's visit with plenty of time to see your other friends. We will get you comfortably settled in a hotel here and arrange your schedule between SRC and elsewhere as you find it convenient.

Please let me know if either of the suggested weeks is convenient for you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

bc: Josephine Wilkins

JESSE DANIEL AMES

15 June, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

My dear Mr. Anthony:

My ducks are all in a row now and are guarenteed to stay so for the days between twelfth of July until the twenty-first. I usually have no week-end guests from the first week of August to the middle of October. The doctor will fix me up so that I can carry one for a week.

After we have had our conversations and I meet the staff, I am sure that will be a couple or more days of the week during which I shall be able to meet some of my old friends and fellow-workers there in Atlanta. So let me know the day you are ready for me to fly down.

I was greatly interested in the Field Activities Newsletter. Because there was no report at the annual meetings- at least in the Minutes- I wondered how the eighty odd state members justified their attendance at the expense of the Council. I think that at least once the Minutes of the whole meeting, alluded to a special meeting of the members. But nothing was reported on their activities, their special problems and so on.

There is one conditio n now that was not present in the past- the Negroes have seized leadership of their own people, asking, a nd getting support from the Council. Some of the leaders do, undoubtedly, worry, annoy or irritate the white people, but so did the white women have the same effect on their men when we were after the vote.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Daniel Ames

See Board
Ames, Mrs. Jessie D.
Life Fellow

July 18, 1966

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We are delighted to know that you are coming down in August, but your letter makes it uncertain as to which week in August you will be coming. I continue to hold both the first and second weeks, and either is fine with us. At your convenience, would you drop us a card telling us when we can expect you, and what arrangements you would like us to make?

We look forward very much to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

JESSIE DANIEL AMES 1 July, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

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My dear Mr. Anthony:

As of now the change in the date for my visit to the Staff of the Southern Regional Council is acceptable, but I retain the right to cancel my visit, if some friends or relatives notify me that they are on the way.

I have only glanced at the Table of Contents of the Spring number of the NEW SOUTH. This quarterly would be a greater authority if like, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, there were a page giving something of the background of the contributors.

The Field Activities NEWSLETTER should be the instrument in binding the Southern Regional Council into a Southwide movement. The problems of each state are present to some degree in all the southern states. I have thought that the Council has been more a national organization than an organization concerned primarily with the racial tensions of the South.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Daniel Ames

File
Ames, Jessie Daniel
Board - Life Fellow

July 26, 1966

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
Box 626
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We're delighted to know you will be with us during the second week of August.

Unless I hear differently from you, we will make you reservations at the Biltmore Hotel (where Miss Josephine Wilkins continues to reside) until such time as you wish to become Mrs. Gershon's guest.

By all means, do make any engagements with friends here you feel are desirable. We will have a very flexible and informal schedule during your visit. I am simply anxious to have the opportunity to get to know you, to have others on the staff do so, and to be able to record your very valuable reminiscences of the early days of this agency.

We will simply have to go assumption that planes are flying by that time.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mmj

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JESSE DANIEL AMES

24 July, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

My dear Mr. Anthony:

If I am going to accept your invitation to meet you in Atlanta, and as many of your staff as may be on hand, it will have to be the secon week in August- I mean the second week as of Monday the eighth.

I shall make no engagements with friends in Atlanta until you have decided that you have nothing more to learn from me- if that is what you want to know. Or is it? May be you would like to know what kind of curious creature I am. Personally I am looking forward to meeting you and others, for naturally I am more than casually interested in the SRC, especially now that the racial patterns have changed.

Mrs. Harry M. Gershon on Harvard Road will take me on for a few days longer- All depends on whether or not planes are flying between Spartanburg and Atlanta.

Cordially Yours Jesse Daniel Ames

Rec'd 8/2/66

JESSE DANIEL AMES 2 August, 1966

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

File Board - Life Fellows "Ames"

My dear Mr. Anthony:

I have been informed by the Airport office that the only line in business there is the Southern. I plan to take the 12.05 flight on Monday the eighth. I do not know when that flight gets in but it should not be more than an hour- more probably less than an hour. I must leave on Friday for I have business here on Saturday which can not be postponed.

If Mr. Barber thinks that seeing me and asking me questions, which I may not be able to answer, but I can say "No Comment", will help him in working out a schedule for his thesis, I shall be delighted to see him. There have been three theses for doctorate degrees w written on the ASWPL, and two Masters. Another PhD c candidate is coming down from Philadelphia to see me the last of this month.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Daniel Ames

JESSE DANIEL AMES 4 August, 1966 File Bob Anthony Life Fellows "Ames"

BOX 626, TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA 28782

My dear Mr. Anthony:

In confirming my reservation this morning I was told that the 12.05 P.M. flight had been taken off.

I have made a reservation on the flight which takes off from the Greer- Spartanburg Air Port at 3.36 P.M.
I was told that this flight reaches Atlanta at 4.51. the date, Monday 8th
I forgot to get the number of the flight but I am sure that you can get it from the Atlanta Air Port.
I shall be on it.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Daniel Ames

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MAKE BROTHERHOOD REAL

Excerpts from Message* from The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, for the 28th Annual Observance of Race Relations Sunday, February 12, 1950, marking Brotherhood Month.

THE divine reason for the fact of races is a mystery. As interesting as variety may be, we pay a terrific price for it and there is no doubt that the differences among the great branches of the human family serve to produce both dissension and pride. The common evils to which mankind is subject are often hard to bear, but for millions these evils are accentuated because of race.

We have not attained a full knowledge of the divine purpose, but we can rejoice that in God's revelation to men He has given a clear leading concerning our right reaction to the problems which arise from the fact of race. This begins with the tremendous affirmation that man, as man, has been made in God's image. The Bible is specific and clear in the insistence that this includes all men, of whatever kind or condition. . . .

When Christian faith is true to its own genius it inspires men and women to think of how they would feel if they were placed in the position of persons of other races, particularly those who are denied basic human liberties. The worldly tendency is for each group to be self-centered, but the divine imperative compels us to try to understand the feeling of those who suffer from being different.

Our religion fails whenever it becomes a means of spiritual self-indulgence, making us feel good *alone*. It succeeds only when it drives us to an awareness of suffering, struggling humanity everywhere, so that we can no longer look upon ourselves as separate persons, but persons involved inextricably in the entire human struggle. . . .

Brotherhood lives in the Christian love and concern of one person for another. We cannot be Christians in our separateness. . . . This brotherhood includes all nations and races, for Christ suffered and triumphed for all men. This brotherhood is not yet accomplished, but the churches are called upon to lead the world and to pledge their loyalty to the community that is being born.

The right relation among races, as among nations, will never come by law alone. It will not come until millions of men of all races look with wondering tenderness upon their fellow men who, in spite of human sin and shame, still bear the divine stamp upon their souls. The task of Christians is to carry on Christ's mission. That mission is meaningless unless brotherhood is made real.

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* ***For the drafting of this Message the Federal Council of Churches is indebted to Dr. D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.***

VOICES FOR BROTHERHOOD

In preparation for Race Relations Sunday, February 12, 1950, the Department of Race Relations has invited leaders in the church and other fields to express their views on the importance of the observance and the meaning of Christian democracy in our time. The following are exerpts from statements received to date:

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, *New York City*—

"Brotherhood must be made real by making it local. We cannot do by agitation what we fail to do by demonstration."

DR. F. P. STOCKER, *President*
The Provincial Elders Conference,
Moravian Church in America, Northern Province—

"The Moravian Church believes it is incumbent upon all Christians in our own country to do what they can to promote better relations among those of differing races, and we especially commend the wide observance of Race Relations Sunday in 1950."

DR. JOHN A. TATE, *President,*
International Convention of Disciples of Christ—

"Our race prejudice becomes an unforgivable sin only when we refuse to overcome it. May Race Relations Sunday bring release of prejudice to every Christian Church!"

MR. HOWARD G. TAYLOR, JR., *Secretary,*
Religious Society of Friends, Philadelphia—

"We are hypocrites preaching brotherhood while practicing segregation."

MRS. J. L. BLAIR BUCK, *President,*
General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, D. C.—

"No task confronting Americans today is more important than the building of better race relations."

RALPH J. BUNCHE, *United Nations*—

"There can be but one secure foundation for peace and justice in the world. That foundation must be in the hearts and minds of man."

GOVERNOR ALFRED E. DRISCOLL, *New Jersey*—

"I am glad that a major concern of the Federal Council of Churches is the building of better relations between Americans of different races and faiths."

ERIC JOHNSTON, *President,*
Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.—

"It is easy to speak publicly for tolerance. It is far harder to challenge the intolerant individual."

MRS. HOWARD G. COLWELL, *President,*
Northern Baptist Convention—

"We Christians must not allow any ideology to outdistance us in the practice of racial brotherhood. We must support and strengthen our institutions and projects which reflect an enlightened social conscience, and are *doing* the Christian thing. Mere talk about brotherhood is an empty procedure."

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT, *President,*
Bishops Council of The Methodist Church—

"We have a . . . much longer way to go before they (some minority groups) are recognized as brothers by members of the majority group. The latter must be our goal as Christians."

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN, *The Methodist Church*—

"We are making progress in race relations but it is not fast enough."

DR. R. J. MCCRACKEN, *Minister,*
Riverside Church, New York City—

"The dogma of white superiority . . . is as absurd as it is un-Christian. It is refuted by the facts."

RABBI LOUIS FINKELSTEIN, *President,*
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America—

"The failure of America to solve her race relations problem is obstructing her moral leadership of mankind, a leadership indispensable to the preservation of her national safety and her democracy."

DR. L. W. GOEBEL, *President,*
Evangelical and Reformed Church—

"If as Christians we persist in calling God our Father through Jesus Christ, then we need also to recognize every child of His as our brother."

DR. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, *New York City*—

"Why should there be any problem of race relations in a church? God is no 'respector of persons'—why should we be?"

DR. D. V. JEMISON, *President,*
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.—

"We believe that decision should not be made on color . . . but upon the Golden Rule."

CHANNING H. TOBIAS, *Director,*
Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York—

"The Christian Church is bound, by its Founder's emphasis upon the sacredness of human personality, to be concerned with all movements . . . that are working for the realization of the Christian ideal in human relationships."

U. S. SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY—

"The totalitarian world challenges America to prove that it means what it says about human freedom and human dignity."

BRANCH RICKEY, *President,*
Brooklyn National League Baseball Club, Inc.—

"Making Brotherhood Real will mean a visionary ideal, not a working reality, until some such standard (of non-discrimination) is applied in all fields of human association.

DR. F. E. DAVISON, *First Christian Church,*
South Bend, Indiana—

"The atomic age has no place for race prejudice. Which way—brotherhood or annihilation?"

DR. R. B. MONTGOMERY, *President,*
The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky—

"Racial prejudice, sectarian pride and material selfishness are deadly spiritual poisons which destroy fellowship and keep the Church of Christ faltering and inefficient in a tragic and dying world with men everywhere crying for life and God."

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT—

"It never before was so important for the United States to put its own house in order as regards race relations . . . Not to believe in the dignity and worth of every human being is neither a Christian attitude nor . . . is it a true conception of democracy.

PHILIP MURRAY, *President, CIO*—

"The United States will never be free of the terrible consequences of discrimination and segregation until they are completely eliminated through the cooperation of the true liberal forces of America."

GEORGE S. MITCHELL, *Executive Director,*
Southern Regional Council, Inc.—

"What we all want is basic equality among Americans."

MISS HELEN KENYON, *Moderator,*
General Council, Congregational Christian Churches, USA—

"To get to know each other, to work together for a common cause, is to forget utterly race and color."

AS THE YEAR CLOSED

Lights and Shadows

In Housing

Under the new ruling announced by Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman and heartily endorsed by President Truman, the Government will no longer sanction racial or religious discrimination in the financing of private housing. The ruling includes: 1) The Federal Housing Administration will refuse to aid the financing of any properties, the occupancy or use of which is restricted on the basis of race or creed or color; 2) that no property will be eligible for FHA mortgage insurance if such property is under a racial restrictive covenant; 3) that the mortgagor cannot make any racial restrictions in the sale or renting of such property unless his mortgage is paid up or the contract for insurance is ended. (*Baltimore Afro-American,* Dec. 10).

The New York City Council and the Board of Estimate approved on December 16 an amendment to the city housing law which outlaws discrimination in city-sponsored housing facilities because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. It also bars use of city money for any housing or slum clearance project which does not specifically ban such discrimination. By this action, New York became the first city in the nation so to define its policy of non-discrimination. . . . The amendment will become law on approval by Mayor William O'Dwyer. (*N. Y. Herald-Tribune,* Dec. 17).

The new FHA anti-discrimination ruling will not affect the low-cost housing units proposed by the Richmond (Virginia) Redevelopment and Housing Authority, A. R. Hanson, director of the Richmond field office of the Public Housing Administration, said on December 4. Hanson said he had been advised by his Washington headquarters that the ban on restrictive covenants as to race and religion would have no effect on PHA policies. The housing authority in Richmond which would have charge of building and administering any new Federal low-rent housing, operates under the PHA and not the FHA, Hanson said. Under long-standing PHA policy, minority groups are given a fair portion of the money spent, but local authorities decide whether to build separate projects for whites and Negroes. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch,* Dec. 5).

The new government policy denying FHA mortgage insurance on racially restricted properties will not ban racial segregation in public housing projects built with federal funds, a spokesman for Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Financing Agency administrator declared during December. He said the regulations will leave unchanged the present policy on public housing which permits racial segregation in low-rent public housing. Efforts to write into the 1949 Housing Act an anti-segregation and anti-discrimination clause were defeated in both the Senate and House.

The spokesman for the Agency also explained that the new regulations will not prevent a landlord from renting his apartments only to white tenants or only to colored tenants. All it does is bar him from entering into a written agreement or "covenant" with other landlords or with his tenants to restrict occupancy or use to one racial group. (*Kansas City Call,* Dec. 9).

An all-out campaign to stop discrimination and segregation in housing during the coming year has recently been announced by the New York State Committee on Discrimination in Housing. Coincident with the publication of a 24-page pamphlet, "Forbidden Neighbors," designed to arouse public opinion to the evils of discriminatory housing, the State Committee will launch an ambitious legislative and educational program. (*Pittsburg Courier,* Nov. 5).

Among the Churches

Leaders of more than 28,000,000 Protestant church members (in session at Atlanta, Ga.) voted on December 6 to enter the fight to wipe out racial segregation in this country. Only Southern Presbyterians dissented as the decision was made in the heart of the South by the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The Council voted to ask the U. S. Supreme Court for leave to file a brief as a friend of the court in the case of Heman Marion Sweatt, of Dallas, Texas (*Interracial News Service,* Fall, 1949) who is seeking to have the 50-odd-year-old doctrine of "equal but separate" facilities overruled. Sweatt is contending in the Supreme Court that Texas courts erred in dismissing his complaint for a writ of mandamus to compel his admission to the University of Texas Law School after the state of Texas established a separate law school for colored students. If the Supreme Court grants permission the Church Council will file a brief arguing that segregation itself is unequal, unChristian and illegal discrimination. (*Kansas City Call,* Dec. 9).

In its annual report on race relations activity during 1949, the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council through its secretaries, J. Oscar Lee and Thomas C. Allen, cites significant gains, and an expansive program for 1950.

The secretaries point out that "the churches have been active in efforts to get civil rights measures enacted by Congress. State and city councils of churches as well as denominational organizations were in the forefront of the movement for fair employment practices both in the states in which it passed and in several where it failed to pass."

The Department sent information to denominations, church councils and local church and community organizations on the bills introduced on civil rights and Indian Affairs in the first session of the 81st Congress. Testimony was given before the House Committee on Labor and Education in favor of enactment of a national fair employment practice law; also testimony in favor of the elimination of segregation in the armed services was filed with the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. Memoranda were sent to members of the House of Representatives and the Senate and to governmental administrators regarding

such issues as: Support of fair employment practices in governmental employment; support of the principle eliminating Oriental exclusion from immigration laws; restoration of funds for Navajo Schools which had been deleted from the deficiency bill, and Navajo-Hopi Rehabilitation.

On the recommendation of the Department of Race Relations, the Council's Executive Committee, at its September 20th meeting, voted to file a brief amicus curiae in the U. S. Supreme Court in support of a plaintiff seeking equality of educational opportunity. The case involved the effort of Heman Sweatt to enter the University of Texas Law School. The brief urged that a writ of certiorari be granted in order that the issue of segregation in education might be fully discussed and decided by the Court.

Surveys have been made of the racial policies, practices and programs of the churches of Washington, D. C. and Akron, Ohio. Denominational and interdenominational race relations secretaries have for two successive years held a Retreat for the study of race relations programs and plans for their promotion on a cooperative basis.

An interdenominational Institute on Racial and Cultural Relations held during August will be repeated next year. Denominational and church council representatives in this Institute gain laboratory experience in methods and techniques used to improve race relations in their churches and communities.

Among the recent literature published by the Department are a pamphlet, "The Churches and Human Rights," a study guide, "The Christian Citizen and Civil Rights;" periodical Program Service Memoranda, and a forthcoming Manual for Cooperative Work in Race Relations. Objectives for 1950 include the promotion of two interdenominational institutes on racial and cultural relations; the development of student exchanges between Negro and white colleges; and cooperation with national agencies seeking fair governmental legislation and administration.

The report of the Department was received with commendation at the Annual Meeting of the Department held in New York City on December 16.

Representatives of fifteen Protestant denominations in ten Southeastern states approved today an action program that called attention to "un-Christian racial attitudes" in the South and listed seventeen measures for correcting the situation. The program resulted from seven seminar discussions during a two-day session of the second Southeastern Interchurch Convocation, held in Atlanta, Georgia, attended by 400 official delegates and 100 technical consultants and unofficial delegates. . . .

In an eight-page report detailing the program the delegates called for greater interracial cooperation as an integral part of the Christian ethic and declared that "the social task of Protestantism in the South is to create a righteous society rather than to reflect what exists." . . . In a section entitled "The Church and Race Relations," the report suggested ten remedial steps. These called for working to "correct the mistakes of history and false tradition upon which much prejudice is based" and to "test rumors before accepting them as facts." Included in the suggestions were: encourage interracial ministerial associations; encourage the new Southern trend toward appointing members of minority groups to welfare boards and positions of public trust; as individuals, join interracial committees; urge local newspapers to improve the handling of racial news; the interchange of speakers and choirs in Negro and white churches; the white church groups have a primary responsibility for starting interracial action, and both races should cooperate closely in obtaining equality of educational opportunity.

On the subject of ministry to youth and intergroup relations, the report cited discriminatory practices in courts, education, employment, community participation, housing and segregated churches. (*New York Times,* Dec. 9).

In Education

Racial discrimination took it on the chin last week as the National Interfraternity Conference reversed its stand of the past and voted for an anti-bias resolution. . . . The resolution, inspired by the fight of chapters from New England and the Midwest, read:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this Conference that:

1—It recognizes that many member fraternities have had and now have no restrictive provisions;

2—It recognizes that the question is of concern to many interested parties;

3—It calls these facts to the attention of all member fraternities appreciating that membership is an individual fraternity responsibility;

4—It recommends that member fraternities which have selective membership provisions consider this question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selective provisions.

(*Pittsburg Courier,* Dec. 10).

Representatives of all-Negro Greek-letter groups expressed the opinion that the recommendations of the Conference would have little or no effect on their membership, since the conference is made up mainly of fraternity groups in white colleges and universities.

"Substantial progress" in eliminating discriminatory questions about race, religion, color and national origin from college applications was reported by the New York State Board of Regents on December 16. . . . All questions relating to color, race and nationality of the applicant's parents have disappeared from all application blanks from all colleges. . . . Denominational institutions, it noted, have been highly cooperative in achieving these results. Still present on sixty-eight institution's application blanks (out of 193 administrative units) are the "indirect" discriminatory questions of supplying a photograph. (*N. Y. Herald-Tribune,* Dec. 17).

A Negro principal, Dr. John B. King, who was nominated recently as the first Negro assistant superintendent in the history of the New York City school system has torn the city's Board of Education apart. The appointment of Dr. King by Maximilian Moss

of the Board of Education was not approved. Instead, Dr. King was transferred to P. S. No. 25 in Brooklyn with promotion regarded as probable in the future. King would have been one of the four assistant superintendents for which Dr. Jansen, head of the Board of Education, is expected to make nominations. (*St. Louis Argus,* Dec. 16).

Without either fanfare or lambasting, Negro performers have again appeared on the stage of Constitution Hall, Washington, the national auditorium of the straight-laced Daughters of the American Revolution. Charles Tilghman and Vincent Dean appeared with the male chorus of Catholic University of America recently during a glee club jamboree sponsored by the National Press Club. The third is Miss Doris Holland, piano accompanist to the choral group. All three are students at the University. The audience as well as the local newspapers and radio stations treated the event as merely another show with no emphasis on the Negroes in the group. (*Associated Negro Press,* Dec. 16).

Refusal by the Association of American Medical colleges to go on record in opposition to racial discrimination in schools of medicine was reported this week by Dean Smiley, AAMC secretary, in a letter to Dr. W. Montague Cobb, chairman of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the National Medical Association (Negro) and a member of the National Medical Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Dr. Smiley indicated that the Executive Council of the AAMC voted "to place the Association on record as never having interfered with the admission policies of any of its member colleges." The group further stated that "it does not seem advisable or within our province to interfere with local admission policies, to urge the repeal of certain state laws or to enter into problems of inequities of premedical education." Dr. Cobb had requested the Association to "issue a statement of policy to the effect that our medical schools should be open to all without discrimination as to ancestry or religion," and had urged the group to advocate repeal of state segregation laws and to suggest elimination of inequities in opportunities for premedical education. (*St. Louis Argus,* (Dec. 9).

A new foundation, the John Hay Whitney Foundation of Opportunity Fellowships, has been formed (in New York City) to take over the scholarship program once handled by the Rosenwald Fund (*Interracial News Service,* March-April, 1949) . . . Opportunity fellowships are open to Americans, with specific consideration to colored persons, Indians and persons of Spanish speaking ancestry, with special ability who, for reasons such as racial or cultural background or regional residence, have not had full opportunity to develop his or her talents. An appropriation of $100,000 has been granted the Foundation for its first year of operation. Individual grants will range from $1,000 to $3,000. . . . Fellowships will be open not only for scholastic study but for special training or experience in such fields as journalism, industry, labor leadership, the arts and other useful talents. They will be awarded once a year on bases of written application and the decision of the committee of award. (*Baltimore Afro-American,* Dec. 10).

The Harvard University Student Council voted 7 to 6 last night to ban discrimination for "color, race or nationality" in the membership of all college organizations. . . . Proponents of the anti-discrimination measure said adoption would make it possible to put it into the charters of student organizations. (*N. Y. Herald-Tribune,* Dec. 20).

A GLIMPSE AT PUERTO RICO

In a section of the *New York Herald-Tribune* of Monday, December 5, several articles by different writers give illuminating information on present industrial progress in Puerto Rico. Facts given cover such fields as agriculture, cotton textiles, hydro-electric projects, rum export, housing and education.

"A tropical isle with the drive of a Northern metropolis is the best thumbnail description of the Island today," writes Ralph Chapman. " 'Manana' has become a forgotten word as the chatter of pneumatic drills and the roar of machinery make siestas impossible. This is 'Operation Bootstrap' the program by which the Island intends to industrialize to a point where it can give its people every advantage, economic and social, to which American citizens feel they are entitled. It is spearheaded by Luis Munoz Marin, first elected Governor of Puerto Rico's 2,200,000 people, but its spirit seems to permeate the entire population."

The problem of a consistently high unemployment is the most serious which Puerto Rico, plagued by over population, has to face in the labor field. . . . Production workers are highly organized but labor relations in general were good during the year. . . . It is reported that with the opening in March, 1950, of what is described as the best equipped textile mill in the world, at Ponce, under Textron Puerto Rico, Inc. several hundred workers will find employment, and training will also be given to others.

Puerto Rico has an excellent credit standing in United States money markets, and while maintaining a balanced budget it has successfully launched this program of industrialization that has brought more than forty new industries to the Island. It has also a program of multiple hydro and steam electric power, water supply, sanitation and irrigation services. It has the largest housing project plan in the world—a project calling for the construction of 10,000 homes.

An agricultural company known as Praco, a government corporation with a large capital, has as its present major purpose "the introduction and commercial development of new and better agricultural products and industries." It is engaged in commercial growing and marketing, as well as large-scale experimentation.

Substantial progress in education is reported. The rate of illiteracy has declined from approximately 80

per cent when Puerto Rico first came under American influence, to 22 per cent today. . . . The Island is seeking Federal aid for an expanding educational program . . . and is pinning its hopes on special legislation from Congress for this provision. Beyond the general educational needs is a large demand for vocational training and adult education.

According to Dr. Antonio Fernos Isern, Puerto Rico's Congressional Representative in Washington, the Island "needs and deserves" assistance from the Federal government similar to that extended to foreign countries under the Marshall plan and President Truman's "Point Four."

Dr. Isern points out that "it is unnecessary to adopt special plans or pass special laws for this purpose," but that "these objectives may be obtained through the adoption of a consistent policy of cooperation toward Puerto Rico." This policy would include items covering increase of sugar production, rehabilitation of the coffee industry, protection of the needlework industry against outside exploitation, extension of social security.

BRAZILIAN TRADE

Brazilian economists are up in arms in fear over the idea of American and British capital being used to develop Africa. They see in this move a crumbling of Brazil's economic position in the international market. For years the country has been the kingpin in the international market for coffee, cocoa, vegetable oils, and minerals. About 37 years ago it held top spot as a rubber producer, but lost out when the Malay Islands began offering rubber at a lower price. (*Associated Negro Press,* Dec. 16).

LYNCHINGS IN 1949

According to the annual record of lynchings in the United States, compiled and published by the Department of Records and Research, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, there were three lynchings in 1949. Two were in Georgia, and one in Mississippi; all victims were Negroes. The record states that in the punishment of lynchers, two men jailed in connection with the lynching of Caleb Hill, Jr., Wilkinson County, Georgia, were later freed for lack of sufficient evidence to bring them to trial. In connection with lynchings prevented, the record gives 14 incidents — 4 in the North and 10 in the South; of these 13 were averted by protection given by officers of the law. A total of 17 persons were saved from mob violence, 6 of these white and 11 Negro. The record also carries a total of 13 lynchings for the five-year period 1945-49.

An article giving particulars on these lynchings, in the *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch* of December 31, points out that the current report from Tuskegee brings to 4,722 the number of deaths classified as mob killings since the beginning of the Tuskegee statistics in 1882. The incidents have ranged from 231 in 1892 to one each in 1945 and 1947. Of the 67-year total, 3,429 victims were Negroes, and 1,293 white.

CIVIL RIGHTS FORECAST

In the Justice Department

Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath has taken steps to lift the civil rights section of the Department of Justice from a third-rate functionary unit to a major arm section in departmental affairs, it was disclosed here last week. His actions are based upon recommendations made in the 1947 report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights which caused a split in the Democratic Party in 1948. The following action has been taken:

1—Selected a chief for the section who will be a regular instead of acting section head, as has been the case for more than a year.

2—Sought approval of the budget bureau for a big boost in funds for the fiscal year 1951, to expand the section from its present strength of six attorneys and nominal stenographic help.

3—Laid plans for gaining Congressional approval to lift the section to division status with an assistant attorney general in charge.

(*Associated Negro Press,* Dec. 16).

FEPC Test in January

It was revealed this week that the Administration would seek a decision on its Civil Rights program early in the second session of the 81st Congress in January. The strategy announced calls for an attempt to ram through the Fair Employment Practices legislation first; then to follow with anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills. . . . After perhaps three weeks of debate on the measure the Administration plans to choke off all talking with cloture. Under a rule adopted last session, it requires a constitutional two-thirds majority of senators to cut off debate through cloture. (*St. Louis Argus,* Dec. 16).

NOW IS THE TIME!

In a small leaflet having nation-wide circulation under the title "Now is the Time for Civil Rights Legislation," the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, with headquarters in New York City, gives the plan and reason for a Civil Rights Conference to be held in Washington January 15-17, at which time delegates will personally and in groups confer with senators and representatives in behalf of civil rights legislation in this session of Congress.

The leaflet gives the present situation since the recommendation of civil rights legislation in the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights in 1947, and points out that no enactments into Federal law have been had on such issues as FEPC, the poll tax, lynching, etc. — and that "responsibility for this . . . does not lie with Southern members of Congress alone . . . A democratic government is responsive to the expressed will of the people. . . . The National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization is designed to tell Congress that the majority of the American people want the civil rights program; that campaign promises are not enough; that the time for action is *now.*"

A partial list given of organizations constituting this Moblization includes business and professional groups, trade and labor organizations, fraternities, sororities, lodges, veterans, newspaper groups; also churches: Catholic, Protestant and Jewish.

October 23, 1953

Mr. Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Behrman:

We have your letter of October 21st asking about our survey manual, YOUR COMMUNITY LOOKS AT ITSELF.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy for your use. Additional copies may be had at fifty cents each.

We also have a pamphlet, GREENVILLE'S BIG IDEA, which is a summary of the survey done in Greenville, South Carolina. This sells for ten cent a copy.

Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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October 21, 1953

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I am told that you have prepared a very useful manual on the basis of self surveys which the Southern Regional Council conducted in Florida and South Carolina.

If there is a price on these manuals, please quote it to me. If they are free, we would certainly appreciate a copy.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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April 22, 1954

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
336 Church Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

The ADL, at their New York Office, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, published (in mimeo) in June, 1951, a compendium of dope on PUBLIC HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES, listing and describing, with budgets, etc., all the state and municipal agencies in this field then existing.

Here's an Am. J. Congress release along similar lines, but far less detailed.

Dade County, Florida, has a public sponsored Commission on Community Relations. Write to Seymour Samet, American Jewish Committee, 213 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, for dope.

Rock Hill, South Carolina did in the last few days through its Mayor and Council appoint a 20 person, white and Negro Committee on Human Relations, or some such title. For dope write Ver Rev. Maurice Shean, C.O., The Oratory, Rock Hill, S. C.

That's the crop of Southern ones.

The Mayor of Atlanta has been considering one, but hasn't yet moved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
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Dear George:

We wish to suggest to our Mayor that he appoint a Commission on Human Relations.

Can you tell us where we might find a concise presentation calculated to persuade a Mayor that he should appoint such a Commission?

If no concise presentation available, what material would you suggest that we secure and digest for the Mayor's consumption?

Any material which you can supply will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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Congratulations on the Ford grant!
Come see us.

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May 11, 1954

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Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I wish to thank you for your very helpful letter of April 22 and its enclosures in answer to my recent question concerning Public Human Relations Agencies.

Tartt reports a very pleasant and profitable weekend with you in Virginia.

The Southern Regional Council and you certainly have my very best wishes for the very strenuous program which lies out ahead of you in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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September 21, 1954

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Here's what we can find in the files about Rundquist -- his original incoming and a later acknowledgement.

You had better send these originals back for our files.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
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63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

Three months ago you extended me the courtesy to send me a copy of your letter of June 16 to Colonel Douglas L. Rundquist, of the Philadelphia Air Procurement District. I have been slow indeed expressing to you my appreciation.

I wish, too, to thank you for your evaluation of our efforts as expressed to Colonel Rundquist.

If it is not out of order, I would like to have a copy of the "Memorandum of June 11" to you by Colonel Rundquist and ~~to~~ which your letter to him expresses your thanks. I am not able to tell from your letter to him just what it was he was asking of you, and I am interested to know.

We read with a great deal of interest every issue of The New South, and I still have in mind to offer you some article or articles for it as discussed by you and me across the table in the dining room at Fisk last summer.

If you have not already learned it, you will be interested to know that we have recently employed Mr. Henry Catchings, a mature person, recently graduated from the Atlanta School of Social Work to act as Associate Director of the Merit Employment Program of this office.

With best wishes to you in your work, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman

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September 30, 1954

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

This is to thank you for your cordial letter of the 21st. in which you forwarded to me the originals of your correspondence with Colonel Rundquist of Philadelphia.

According to your request, I am returning herewith the original copies of your file.

Wishing you continued success in your work, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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December 7, 1954

Mr. John Doe
Anytown
U. S. A.

COPY of covering letter used with
The How of Merit Employment
"from A to Z"

Dear Mr. Doe:

In a recent conversation I promised to send you the "A to Z" discussion of "The How of Merit Employment". Here it is.

In this letter of transmittal we are not undertaking to cover the "Why" of Merit Employment. This we hope to do in pamphlet form as soon as possible. However, we are suggesting for your consideration possible answers to three questions which workers may ask. These answers may be useful to supervisors as they assist in the preparation of an entire working group for the implementation of a policy of merit employment.

1. WHAT IS THIS AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE?

Answer: The American Friends Service Committee grows out of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Founded in 1917 to carry on relief and postwar reconstruction in Europe, it has since engaged in many projects at home and abroad designed to promote understanding between races and nations, and between divergent groups. Its Merit Employment Program began seven years ago.

2. WHY IS THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE CONCERNED ABOUT MERIT EMPLOYMENT?

Answer: All the Committee's work is rooted in two fundamental Quaker principles: respect for the personality of the individual which springs from faith in the divine possibilities in man; and confidence in the creative power of love to remove prejudice and suspicion and to take away the occasion for strife between individuals, races, and nations. This Quaker agency believes in freedom from unjust coercion. It is striving to help American business to achieve the freedom to employ the best available person for any and all jobs, without fear or favor. Most unions, at the international level, have declared that they have a policy of nondiscrimination. However, at the local level at least, unions also, need help to attain the will to eliminate their discriminatory practices. In its Merit Employment Program, the American Friends Service Committee is not undertaking to create jobs or employment for Negroes. It is undertaking to help establish the principle of employment on merit.

Mr. John Doe December 7, 1954

3. WHY SHOULD OUR COMPANY ADOPT A POLICY OF "EMPLOYMENT ON MERIT"?

Answer: Most American firms have more or less conscientiously applied the Judeo-Christian concepts of religion, ethics, and democracy to their dealings with suppliers and customers. However, in most cases, their employment policies have lagged considerably behind. Employment on merit should be adopted because it is right, economically, ethically, and politically in the sense of world politics; and in order to square one's policies of employment, upgrading, and promotion with these same fundamental concepts referred to in the first sentence of this answer.

Another reason for adopting such a policy is to build morale in one's organization. Present employees are greatly encouraged and have a greater sense of security when they realize that neither their employer nor their supervisors discriminate against Negroes. This presents very graphically the fact that the employer is more than likely to be conscientious and fair with them also.

We trust that this letter and the "A to Z" discussion will both be of real service to you. If at any time you feel that we may render any assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman, Director
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The How of Merit Employment
"from A to Z"

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The How of Merit Employment
"from A to Z"

A. WHAT IS MEANT BY MERIT EMPLOYMENT?

1. It means the practice of employing the best available person for any and all jobs, solely on the basis of merit for the position.

2. It means employment without discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin.

3. It means that equal work responsibility shall carry with it equal work opportunities; that is, equal pay, benefits, working conditions, status, and opportunities for upgrading or promotion, - no matter who the worker is.

4. In this discussion two other names for this practice are used: Employment on Merit and Equal Work Opportunities. The adoption and practice of a policy of Merit Employment or Employment on Merit creates Equal Work Opportunities. The three terms are used here as synonyms.

B. ARE THERE ANY POSITIVE PROCEDURES BY WHICH WE CAN ASSURE FAVORABLE EMPLOYEE REACTION AND REDUCE TO A MINIMUM POSSIBLE CHALLENGES TO MANAGEMENT?

The attitudes and reactions of employees are usually determined by the employer's approach. If management is convinced of the rightness of the policy, employees will sense this conviction and react accordingly. The most vital and necessary ingredient in the whole program is a fair and firm policy on the part of management. Since firmness of policy is the crux of success, too much cannot be said about the wisdom of making this firmness clear at the outset and every time the slightest opposition arises. For this reason one case in point is cited here:

A company in North Carolina with 5000 employees in three plants, after conference with the writer, adopted this new policy for these three plants. They conferred at length with their local union, their international union, and their own supervisors and all agreed. During these conferences, the company presented a program by which progressively more and more jobs would be open to Negroes as well as whites. A calendar date was indicated for each such opening. The plan was to upgrade first all qualified Negro employees before introducing new Negroes into such newly opened jobs. All went well until the first group of Negroes was upgraded into one of the departments previously closed to them. The whites in this department immediately walked out. At noon they phoned to say they would return to work at one o'clock if management would negotiate the matter while they worked. Management's reply was: "Our policy is firm; these people are going to work right along with others in this department from now on. If you don't want to work with them, you need never come back". Next morning they all reported for work. Apparently, firmness settled this question once and for all without loss of either personnel or cooperation. Any employee challenge should be met in just such a positive manner.

A practical procedure in preparation of any segment of one's work group might well include five steps as follows:

1. Make known at the outset that the policy is definitely firm.

2. Demonstrate that prejudice at the management level has been eliminated, corrected or smothered. That is, set the example at or near the top. There is no question but that it is most salutary for management to show at the outset that it is not asking lowly employees to do something which management itself is not willing to do; namely, to work along with Negroes. This can be done effectively by employing, or upgrading Negroes to positions of executives, junior executives, or secretaries to executives. This done, management is in

the best possible position to assume the necessary leadership in the program.

3. The ideals involved in general business policies have long been supported and carried out by millions of trusted employees. These same employees, when taken into confidence and made a vital part of the program, gladly carry out the ideals connected with a policy of nondiscrimination in employment and upgrading. Experience proves the great majority of fears about negative employee reaction to be groundless. Therefore:

a. Draw into personal conference any potential trouble makers, undertaking to enlist them as a part of the group which will see to it that the program is a success. This technique, of course, is nothing new.

b. Assemble the supervisors and/or union representatives and other workers chosen to assist them. Make these people a vital part of the planning and execution of the new policy. This need not take the form of asking permission but rather of explaining and of welcoming constructive suggestions concerning a decision already made. Employees thus dealt with appreciate being taken into the employer's confidence as though he regarded them as interested, cooperative employees rather than as hirelings to have things forced upon them. It may be well to read them the letter in which this set of questions and answers was transmitted. To some extent this will brief them on the "Why of Merit Employment". (For this purpose, it is planned to expand this letter as soon as possible into an "A to Z" discussion of this subject.)

c. Have the supervisors brief themselves on the "How of Merit Employment" by the use of a dialogue presentation of this very "A to Z" discussion. Have one person read the questions and one or more read the answers.

d. Let it be known that as Negroes and whites are employed with equal work status in various departments, the policy will be, from then on, to continue the use of both races in such departments. This is to dispel possible fear that such departments are to be made "jim-crow". Make it very clear that this program is not intended to displace white persons or take opportunities from them but simply to create equal work opportunities for Negroes. (This discussion was prepared to assist specifically any group which undertakes to create equal work opportunities for Negroes. Hence, the Negro only is mentioned even though many other kinds of discrimination exist.)

4. A helpful device often used when working toward the introduction of Negro clerical workers is the employment of a well-qualified Negro stenographer, or secretary simply to handle the mail. It is in no case wise to "under-employ" any Negroes except where there is a definite intention to soon upgrade them to a position which challenges their best qualifications. The value in this procedure is that the "mail-runner" has opportunity to win the respect of the present office force before she is introduced into it on a basis of equal work opportunities.

5. Encourage all employees of both races who are interested in advancement but who are not ready for upgrading or promotion to prepare for new opportunities by conference with their supervisors, and members of the personnel and industrial relations departments and by outside study of various types.

C. WITHOUT PREPARATION, HOW COULD WE EXPECT OUR PRESENT EMPLOYEES TO REACT?

Some companies have made no effort to prepare their workers, yet have emerged finally with employee cooperation. For example:

One large department store made no effort to prepare its employees. The first Negro was employed as a secretary in the Personnel Department. Then a number were added to a pool of extras called "Rangers". If a department called for extra help, received a Negro, and sent this person back because he was a Negro, management refused to supply such department any extra help until it accepted a Negro. At every flare-up, management let it be known that its

policy was firm and that it would brook no interference. This is one way of doing the job. If this is the way a given company introduces and carries out other new policies, this may be the way it should introduce this one.

D. WHAT WOULD BE A REASONABLE PROGRAM AND CALENDAR FOR US TO SUBMIT TO OUR EMPLOYEES AS OUR PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW POLICY?

1. Since in many companies the Receiving, Stock, and/or Shipping Department is a good place "to learn the business" and since here Negroes already have proved themselves responsible and efficient, this is a good place to introduce first Negro employees and an excellent place from which to upgrade them throughout the operation as a whole. This might be called a minimal start in the direction of equal work opportunities. A model calendar to work toward might be:

a. Immediately: Fill the first openings in the Receiving, Stock, and/or Shipping Department with workers from whichever race is now lacking in such department.

b. From the beginning: As openings occur in other departments, upgrade from the original department strictly on the basis of qualification.

c. No later than the end of the second year: Make a thorough check to see that all Negroes and whites who have been once upgraded are fully considered for further upgrading.

d. No later than the end of the third year: On the basis of the new policy, accept for all vacancies applications from current employees and from the outside as well.

2. The calendar for another program, often followed with great success, is very simple. It is simply a list of all departments showing the number of Negroes planned for each department by certain dates. This program begins near the top and soon thereafter proceeds simultaneously at almost all levels. For example, a department store with approximately 2000 employees did not have any Negro employees. The first one employed was an Assistant Personnel Director. Shortly thereafter, Negroes were introduced at almost all levels at the same time.

E. IS THERE A TIME OF YEAR WHICH IS BEST FOR LAUNCHING SUCH A PROGRAM?

This depends entirely on the nature of the business. It is best to start at a season when employees thus added will have the longest probable work period before a possible lay-off; that is, at a time when additions to staff are most likely to remain as permanent employees. There is, however, one notable exception to this rule: A business which experiences seasonal rush periods and for such periods requires a number of short time employees can, by advance planning, use this rush season as a testing time for the selection of Negro applicants to be seriously considered for permanent positions.

F. WHAT DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN A DECISION TO EMPLOY ON MERIT?

All departments, if and when openings occur and qualified Negroes are available. If there are unions, they, too, would be involved.

G. SHOULD WE SET ANY DEFINITE PROPORTION OF NEGRO AND WHITE WORKERS AS AN ULTIMATE GOAL IN ANY GIVEN DEPARTMENT?

No definite quotas should be set, except that, in principle, no department should be permitted to become all white or all Negro. Negro workers with interest and ambition should not, at upgrading time, be passed up just in order to maintain a balance in numbers. Neither, should the number of such persons be allowed

to fall to a mere token in any department. Too, it is quite feasible that in a fair number of departments the supervisor or assistant supervisor might be a Negro. It is desirable to avoid quotas since good business requires maximum flexibility. Once a firm policy is set, the proportion of the "races" is of no vital importance. However, in order to achieve the final objective - freedom in employment to completely ignore race - it may be necessary to "prime the pump" by deliberately introducing qualified Negroes into certain jobs, without at the same time setting these jobs aside permanently for Negroes.

H. IF WE DO NOT NOW HAVE ANY NEGROES IN A GIVEN DEPARTMENT, IS THERE AN IDEAL NUMBER WHICH SHOULD BE FIRST BROUGHT IN?

1. One at a time: This has many more disadvantages than advantages. Those who advocate "one at a time" do so on the theory that if more were introduced into a currently all-white department they would segregate themselves in numerous ways, such as sitting apart in the company lunch room even if it were "wide open" to them.

2. Several at once: Some employers feel that self assurance develops when several Negro employees are added at the same time. They lean somewhat on each other, share their fears, failures, and successes, and thus gain self confidence faster than a lone person does. It is felt that since no two human beings are alike, the addition of more than one Negro at a time helps to show that individual differences exist in all races. This points up the fact that one should not stereotype members of any group.

3. Half and half: By half and half is meant simply the employment and orientation of approximately an equal number of Negroes and whites at the same time and together. This, on the theory that in this way Negroes are more certain to receive the same training as whites for their job responsibilities, thus beginning their work with an "even break".

4. Sponsorship Plan: The Sponsorship Plan may be used to supplement any method. It definitely hastens the Negro's adjustment to equal work status. The employer appoints a white employee who will unobtrusively take the newcomer "under his wing" until he has become an integral part of the organization. Some employers say it is surprising the numbers of white employees who volunteer to sponsor such new employees even before a sponsorship plan is announced.

I. HOW SHOULD THE FIRST NEGROES BE RECRUITED?

1. Present employees: At first, one should not actually "recruit", but upgrade. Before outside applicants are sought, all present trusted Negro employees should be thoroughly informed of the new policy and the plan for its implementation. Any who desire upgrading should be permitted to file a written application for "the first opening for which their education and work experience fit them". The Personnel Department should, of course, evaluate these applications and indicate on each of them the various jobs for which in their opinion the worker should, in due time, be considered.

2. Openings: As openings occur in the training departments, or elsewhere, they should be filled from this file of applicants until all worthy and qualified present employees have been stepped up into a job or a department heretofore closed to Negroes. Upgrading present employees, rather than drawing first from the outside, makes a definite contribution to the success of the program. This is due to the fact that, by and large, present Negro employees are more readily accepted by other employees because they have come to know them. In a sense, they have "forgotten that they are Negroes". Employers often discover that the whites go out of their way to help such people succeed as they are moved up the ladder from job to job.

J. WHAT CRITERIA SHOULD WE USE IN SELECTING RECRUITS FOR THE "ON-THE-JOB TRAINING" DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE STOCK HANDLING DEPARTMENTS?

There are always some employees who do not care for the added responsibility which accompanies upgrading or promotion. Try as one may to select only persons with proper interest and ambition he will always have some who do not care to move up. Others will. Therefore, the employer should use his already established criteria for selection of recruits.

K. HOW SHALL WE SELECT NEGROES FOR UPGRADING FROM THE "TRAINING DEPARTMENTS" TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS?

Exactly as whites are selected for this purpose - on the basis of qualifications. This should be done without fear or favor, and without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

L. AS WE INTRODUCE THE FIRST NEGROES INTO A GIVEN DEPARTMENT, WILL NOT OUR PRESENT EMPLOYEES IN THAT DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT THEIR STATUS AND PRESTIGE ARE THREATENED?

This is a common reaction where employees are not properly prepared by management, and is the reason it was suggested earlier that, at the planning stage and when introducing Negro workers into the various departments, management make it very plain that in due time Negroes will be working in all departments and that their presence in a given department, therefore, should have no effect on either status or prestige.

M. HOW FAST CAN WE UPGRADE NEGROES?

Just as fast as one upgrades anyone else, based wholly on qualifications. It should be remembered that the statement of policy calls for "equal" work opportunities. This does not mean "unequally" in favor of the Negro. It means that no Negro should be upgraded or employed direct unless the employer is satisfied that he has the capacity to get the job done.

N. GENERALLY, WHAT EFFECT WILL UPGRADING NEGROES HAVE ON OUR WHITE EMPLOYEES?

Most employees who are interested in being upgraded or promoted fear that somehow some sort of favoritism will result in discrimination against them when openings occur. When they see Negroes not only being employed on a basis of equal work opportunities but actually being upgraded or promoted right along with whites, this becomes, as it were, graphic proof that in this organization everybody is treated fairly. A policy of equal work opportunities for all does not destroy morale, it builds it.

O. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WILL BE A PRESENT EMPLOYEE'S REACTION WHEN HE IS BY-PASSED BY A NEGRO IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING, PROMOTION, OR PLACEMENT OF NEW EMPLOYEES?

1. Negroes: When two Negroes are concerned the problem is identical with the long standing problem where two whites are involved.

2. Whites: If a white employee reacts unfavorably to being by-passed, one would expect his reaction to be more violent if by-passed by a Negro than by another white person. However, it is at this point that Employment on Merit makes one of its greatest contributions to both employer and employee. The absence of discrimination against Negroes breeds confidence that all of managements personnel and industrial relations are rooted in an honest effort to be fair and just. This not only offsets resentment toward the upgrading of a Negro, but tends to remove what, in many all-white organizations, is a very common and serious problem.

P. WHAT CAN WE DO IF AN EMPLOYEE, NEGRO OR WHITE IS UPSET BY A "BY-PASS"?

It is taken for granted that all employees, including this one, were thoroughly informed of the fairness of the policy and how it works. Once again, make it very clear to this one that all employees will be upgraded or kept in their present positions on the basis of merit and that, therefore, all workers have a chance to benefit from the policy. It might be well to have a heart to heart talk with him, explaining why he was not chosen for this advancement and how he might prepare for the next such opportunity.

Q. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO INTRODUCE NEW NEGROES INTO THE "TRAINING DEPARTMENTS" AND AT VARIOUS OTHER LEVELS, HOW CAN WE BEST FIND APPLICANTS WHO, IF EMPLOYED AS PIONEERS IN THIS VENTURE, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS?

1. There are several agencies with varying degrees of qualification, which are glad to help without charge. Among these are:

a. High school officials: principals, guidance officers, co-ordinators for diversified occupations and distributive education.
b. College officials: deans, guidance officers, co-ordinators.
c. State employment agencies.
d. National Urban League, Southeastern office, Atlanta, Georgia.
e. Placement Bureau, The United Negro College Fund, New York City.
f. American Friends Service Committee, Southeastern Regional Office, 617 W. Market Street, Greensboro, N. C.; P. O. Box 2109, Telephone 4-7671; Director Merit Employment Program, Mayes Behrman.

2. The American Friends Service Committee undertakes to be most helpful in locating qualified applicants or "pioneers". The Merit Employment Program of the Southeastern Regional Office has a full-time Associate Director, Henry Catchings. Most of his time is allotted to this type of service to employers in three specific ways:

a. Locating pioneers:

The Associate Director establishes close working relations with nearby Negro colleges and high schools, as well as with many colleges at quite some distance. The officers of these colleges upon request screen out their best prospects. By prearrangement, in personal interviews, the Associate Director further screens these prospects. The best of these are asked to file on a Regional Office form, a record of their education and work experience, together with indication of first, second, and third preference as to jobs, and the minimum salary they would accept.

When an employer indicates an opening, these files are searched for top prospects. These applicants are promised nothing by AFSC, but are sent to make application strictly on the basis of their qualifications. In most instances they compete with white applicants.

b. Training pioneers:

In various ways, the Director, the Associate Director, and their Secretarial Assistant, Sarah Herbin, undertake to prepare such applicants by counselling them individually and in groups for what they are undertaking. For example, they are told if employed "on merit", they should not carry with them the idea that everything unpleasant which happens to them does so because they are Negroes.

c. Acting as "Co-op" Co-ordinator:

Probably the most constructive plan of assistance offered by the Southeastern Regional Office and the one most valuable to the employer is that which involves the well known plan of Cooperative Education. Many business people are familiar with this method of combining education and gainful occupation on the part of the student-worker, notably among student-engineers.

Many firms make very substantial annual cash contributions to one or more Engineering colleges in exchange for the privilege of employing students enrolled in their Cooperative Education Departments.

Under this plan, the employer agrees with a given college to employ certain selected current students of that college half of each year for an agreed number of years. The student spends the other half year in study at the college, his major subjects being those which best fit him for the work he now does and is to do for this particular employer. On the job and in the college he is a trainee. As a "Co-op" both his work and his schooling are training him for his chosen life's work. If he remains with a given employer until graduation, the chances are better than 50/50 that he will remain with this employer after graduation as a full-time employee. By this time, the company has had four or five years experience with him and "knows him like a book". For this reason many of America's largest firms regard this as their best method of recruiting employees. When applied to a program of Merit Employment all of the values of Cooperative Education are greatly increased.

By personal interview, the Director of the Merit Employment Program of the Southeastern Regional Office of AFSC undertakes to interest individual employers to launch a program of Employment on Merit by the use of this plan of Cooperative Education; this, by employing Negro college and high school students of both sexes. Such employment extends to all of the occupations for which these students are preparing themselves and which the employer can include in his program without too much loss of immediate efficiency.

After a firm has agreed to employ such pioneers and likewise to upgrade or promote them as fast as they are qualified and job openings occur, the Associate Director seeks out the necessary qualified student-applicants. After they are employed, he acts as a coordinator for the employer, the school, and the "Co-op" employee. This is without charge and without obligation to any one of these three parties. This work is done in an effort to produce the best possible personnel for upgrading and permanence. When the pioneer is a high school student, and sometimes when he is a college student, if it suits all parties, the schedule is one-half day of schooling and one-half day of work on school days with the possibility of a full work day on Saturday. In any instance, the counselling and coordinating process is the same.

The Co-op plan constantly develops, improves and adjusts the worker, and is, therefore, greatly to the advantage of the employer, the school, the worker and the cause of Merit Employment generally.

d. Literature:

The American Friends Service Committee has, for free distribution, its own pamphlets on the subject of employment on merit or equal work opportunities. Too, employers who are interested can secure, without charge, from AFSC an extensive bibliography of pamphlets and books on this subject. This includes many references to pamphlets such as the factual surveys of the National Planning Association's Committee for the South. Various dates and prices. Address: 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington 9, D. C. And books, such as Industry's Unfinished Business by Sara E. Southall, New York: Harper and Bros., 1950. "An up-to-date evaluation of management's responsibility in personnel relations, with step-by-step methods which have proved successful in many companies..." - notably The International Harvester Company.

R. SHALL WE TREAT NEGRO EMPLOYEES IN ANY WAY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?

Definitely, no. The quicker all persons get away from thoughts of "race differentials" the better. Grant no favors and magnify no faults because of "race". This means that the same performance is to be expected of them as of

anyone else, beginner compared to beginner, experienced person to experienced person. A tendency in some Negroes to have a "chip-on-their-shoulder" has been referred to elsewhere in other words. This tendency is a reaction to discrimination. Underprivileged white people develop the same attitude. Deal with both alike. This applies as well to highly supersensitive persons. They are found in all races, and require the same counsel and advice. Name calling should be prevented, if possible, by advance counselling of the whites, but if it occurs, and results in some overt act, it should be dealt with just as one would deal with a similar situation between two white people, one of whom feels he has been insulted.

S. HOW CAN WE REDUCE PROBLEMS TO A MINIMUM?

This has been discussed elsewhere in these questions and answers. However, this question, as put, offers opportunity to stress something of great importance. The employer should assume full responsibility for making everything about his employment very clear to the Negro:

1. Exactly what is expected in the matter of punctuality.
2. Exactly what is expected of him as a worker; that is, job specification.
3. Exactly what privileges are his, what facilities he may use and what activities he may enter into.
4. Exactly what responsibilities he, and any other worker has for the use and upkeep of the premises. If there are penalties for breaking tools he should be told what they are at the outset. If there is a penalty for putting one's feet on the wall he should know it.
5. A cross reference to paragraph 3 under question H may be in order here. In that answer it is suggested that consideration be given to the employment and orientation, whenever possible, of approximately an equal number of Negroes and white people for a given department at the same time, thus assuring identically the same information and "breaking-in" for both.

T. WHAT SHALL WE DO IF PROBLEMS DO ARISE?

When a problem does arise involving a Negro, the person responsible for resolving it should have a heart to heart talk with the employee. In this conversation he should place himself, as far as possible, in the position of the Negro. Of course, good personnel practice involves this every time a problem arises involving white people only. However, due to the long period of segregation and discrimination it is very difficult for a white person to place himself in the position of the Negro. Nevertheless, an honest effort should be made to understand the Negro's position and to credit it with any validity it may have. This done, a Negro is as tractable as anyone else.

U. WHAT ABOUT DRINKING FOUNTAINS?

Almost universally where separate drinking fountains are used, it is by habit, not by law. It is easy to determine whether a given location is covered by law or ordinance. In almost all cases it will not be. In such cases, no segregated fountains need be added or retained. Equal work opportunities strongly infers equal use of facilities. Experience has shown the common use of drinking fountains to be the easiest first step toward the common use of facilities. To end successfully the segregated use of drinking fountains usually requires no consultation or preparation. In many instances where the signs have been taken down or painted out, almost nobody noticed it had happened. This done, steps toward the common use of other facilities are much easier.

V. WHAT ABOUT REST ROOMS?

In some states, separate rest rooms are required by law. However, where they exist only by habit, it is surprising the readiness with which even southern whites accept the common use of such facilities. It might be well to emphasize here that the reaction depends largely on the grade of the "housekeeping". Experience has shown that when employees are already dissatisfied with the condition of the rest rooms they will object to the idea of using them with Negroes. If, however, they are already satisfied with the condition of the facilities, they seldom object before or after such common use. It might be well, in advance preparation, to stress the fact that the assumption that all Negroes have social disease is unfounded, and furthermore that such diseases are not transmitted by casual contact.

W. WHAT ABOUT EMPLOYEES' CAFETERIAS AND LUNCH ROOMS?

1. In some states, separate eating is required by law. Where there is no such law, a successful program of equal work opportunities should bring about easy transition to common use of eating facilities for employees. Again, "housekeeping" is important. It is much easier to introduce Negroes into a clean dining room than into one poorly kept. The employer's responsibility extends to providing good, clean, neat facilities. One cannot repeat too often that Employment on Merit strongly implies their common use. This implication is so strong that if the facilities are well kept, the employees themselves usually bring about this common use in a natural way without a decision or a directive.

2. In advance preparation, it might be well to stress the unreasonableness of anyone's being squeamish about eating in the same place with Negroes. Facts which make one's unreasonableness at this point stand out in bold relief are readily at hand and easily understood by all.

X. WHAT ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS?

1. A sacrifice: If it comes to a point where Employment on Merit cannot be adopted because of social events, adopt this policy and "excuse" the Negro employees from social events until the matter works itself out, as it probably will. Social events are not as vital a part of "operations" as are drinking fountains, rest rooms, cafeterias, and lunch rooms.

2. By and large: The competent, well-adjusted worker will win the confidence and loyalty of his fellow workers. The strength of the deeply held, though sometimes buried, belief in the American "creed" of equality and justice has a strong hold on the average American. The recent experience of the Armed Forces has pointed this up in the lives of many veterans, both men and women, now engaged in business, industry, and the professions. As intimated elsewhere, in most cases the pattern of immediate acceptance of the new Negro employee as a fellow worker will be carried over into the social activities held on company property. However, if the social event, small or large, is to be held off company property, someone should make advance contact to be certain that the Negroes will not be embarrassed.

3. North Carolina Automobile Dealer: This dealer "opened" several departments of his business. He invited the Negro men to the annual Bonus Dinner at his country club, for they too were entitled to bonuses. After the second such interracial event, his white employees said to him, "You invite the wives of white men, why don't you invite the wives of the Negroes also?" He had thought they were not ready. Employees are often much more ready than executives and supervisors think they are.

4. Texas Plant Foreman: In Texas, a foreman, after some struggle with himself said, "All right, I'll work with 'em, but I won't eat with 'em". Soon after, his department won a production race. The prize was a steak dinner. At the dinner the foreman had an exceptionally good time. The superintendent observing this, felt certain the foreman had conquered his prejudice and, therefore, asked him, "How is it now?" After some reflection the foreman said, "Just like I told you at the outset, 'I'll work with 'em, but I won't eat with 'em'". The superintendent replied, "But you just did". The foreman quickly explained, "Oh! those are not Negroes, they are the people I work with!"

5. Southern Dress Factory: For years a large southern dress factory which employs about one third Negroes, has invited all employees and their families to the Christmas Party. Everyone has a good time and there have been no "incidents". No regulations are laid down, but the dancing resolves itself into Negro couples and white couples on the floor at the same time. This is mentioned to bring out the fact that many so called problems solve themselves to the satisfaction of all concerned when no issue is made of them by management.

Y. WHAT WILL BE THE REACTION OF OUR CUSTOMERS WHEN NEGROES SERVE THE PUBLIC?

1. If a customer does react unfavorably, he should be encouraged to come in and talk with management face to face. Management should give him a clear statement of the policy and reasons underlying it.

2. Experience indicates that fears of negative public reactions are, for the most part, unfounded; and that business may expect positive reactions and expressed approval of such democratic steps. Many examples of favorable public reaction could be cited. Here are three:

a. "Bonus Dinner": Public reaction to the Bonus Dinner mentioned in X 3 above has not as yet been referred to in these answers, however, it is a case in point. This company had one of these events televised. The film was run a number of times. It showed clearly that equal work opportunities was the basis of the event. The public saw men and women of both races intermingled in the buffet line, at the tables, and during the formal program of self-entertainment. The Negroes proved to be the better entertainers and drew the heaviest applause. The president of the company says he never did anything in his long business career which brought him so much commendation from the public. He did not receive a single adverse criticism. However, many people "button-holed" him on the street or made a special trip to his place of business to commend him for the forward steps he had taken. It should be added that this interracial dinner party is held annually at one of the country clubs of which this dealer is a member.

b. Receptionist: A Negro receptionist was placed behind the counter at the main YWCA in a North Carolina city. After 3 months she was promoted, in keeping with her qualifications, to Bookkeeper-cashier. As receptionist she had to be approached by every white woman, member or non-member, who wished information or to see an official. She was plainly a Negro. There was absolutely no apparent reluctance on the part of any white person, man or woman, who came to the desk. And, not a single "incident". To cap the climax, the Executive Secretary of the agency which financially supports the "Y", and who had, on paper, OK'd the appointment and salary but had not met the applicant, asked the writer, "Do you happen to know whether the young woman behind the counter at the YWCA is a Negro?" Without awaiting an answer she continued, "She has been there several weeks and I'm in and out several times each week. However, it did not dawn on me that she might be a Negro until I was already leaving and outside the building today".

c. New York Department Store: It has been reported that one of New York's largest department stores which employs Negro counter clerks, staged exit interviews of several hundred customers each of whom approached the exit immediately after having been waited on by a Negro clerk. The questions were:

"Did you get what you came for?"
"Were you courteously treated?"
"Were you waited on by a man or a woman?"
"Were you waited on by a white person or by a Negro?"

Although just waited on by a Negro, three-fourths of those interviewed could not remember whether the clerk was white or Negro. Then several questions were asked to discover whether or not these people failed to remember because of a lack of prejudice. The next question was:

"If you knew where there was a store which employed Negro clerks, would you go there to buy anything?"

About a third of those who could not remember which race waited upon them said they would not go there to buy. The final question was:

"After you got inside a store if you discovered they employed Negro clerks, would you buy anything?"

About a fourth said they would not.

3. From these and many other similar experiences, the conclusion is inevitable that the public is increasingly unconscious of race when the person behind the counter, desk, or other place of service, properly asks, "May I help you?" and then does the helping in a courteous and efficient manner.

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Dr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
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Dear George:

This is to thank you for your heart-warming letter of January 12.

You expressed so well our own feeling when you refer to our A to Z as "an effort".

We are asking a good many people, especially the men at the top management level, to criticize this effort minutely.

When we have had enough of these we will throw away our present set of stencils and make new ones, revising it in keeping with the best of these suggestions.

If the time should come when you are not too busy to do so, we would greatly appreciate any suggestions for revision with which you might favor us.

Last night the Greensboro and Guilford County Interracial Commission enjoyed an informative and inspiring talk by Harry S. Jones.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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Report to
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January 12, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
225 East Lee Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Warm thanks for your Christmas repor

I praise every item of accomplishmen and the spirit in which it was done. And the pioneer A to Z effort is a joy; not perfect (noth new is ever complete) but full of the energy of good purpose and hard work and fresh experience. I am glad it isn't all slicked up like the produc of a New York office; it comes out of actual Southern experience, and it fits the situations people will meet. Sleep at night; you are doing good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
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Dr. George Mitchell
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Dear George:

Many thanks for the loan of the larger discussion, "Race in the News". We will surely guard it and return it to you for your files.

I believe it will serve our purposes better than the abbreviated one in "Changing Patterns".

You will be interested to know that two of the largest outfits in the Southeast have for one and two years respectively, made real strides in the field of integrated employment.

Two other very large southern companies are making a thorough study of themselves and possible methods in the hope of launching definite programs in the not too distant future.

Perhaps next time I write, or see you, I'll be privileged to give you their names and more details.

Sincerely,

Mayes B.

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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Check with Mayes Behrman re return of "Race in the News" file copy, which was sent September 20.

Correspondence attached

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November 15, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
The Inter-racial Commission
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Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Our file copy of Race in the News ought about now to head back to its filey nest?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 20, 1955

Mr. Mayes Behrman
The Inter-racial Commission
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Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

Race in the News is clean out of print. I have dug out one precious file copy, which I LEND you. But the argument, and the main dope of the pamphlet are reprinted in Changing Patterns, which is available.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover:
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Mr. George Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George Mitchell:

Please tell us how we can obtain a copy of your study entitled "Race in the News".

If there is a fee for this please let us know and we shall be glad to remit same.

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman

Mayes Behrman, Chairman
The Inter-racial Commission

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January 11, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Director of Information
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I was indeed glad to make your acquaintance on my recent trip to Atlanta, and wish to express to you my appreciation for the courtesy extended to me at that time.

Wishing you a very fine 1956, I am

Sincerely,

Mayes Behrman

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

MB:sh

January 17, 1957

Mr. Mayes Berhman
American Friends Service Committee
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mayes Berhman:

In November I was by your office and talked with Henry Catchings; I am sorry that I missed you. I have just recently joined the staff of the Southern Regional Council as labor consultant. Briefly, my duties will consist of being available for liason work between unions and human relations agencies or groups with a strong interest in race relations, to be available to union groups for educational programs and consultation, and to keep abreast of race relations developments in southern unions.

I hope to be in touch with you from time to time. If there is any way that you feel that I can be of service to your program or to other aspects of AFSC program concerned with race or unions I would be glad to be of help. Also, I would appreciate very much hearing from you from time to time regarding good or bad experiences that you have come across where union activity (or inactivity) and race relations problems interact.

A new man has just been assigned to the U.A.W. staff working with their locals on employment practices; his concern with employment practices does not exclude interest in other problems affecting racial relations. His name is Earl Henderson and I have given him your name and some indication as to what you do. It is my hope that he will be in touch with you to find out what approaches you have used and some accounting of the successes and failures that have resulted; perhaps you could be of special help to him in laying out some of the things that unions could do, have refused to do, etc. Henderson struck me as a very nice guy, interested, but brand new to his job and to any of the South below Washington. I am sure that he will be breaking into his job slowly by his choice as well as by policy of the union offices he is working with. Henderson is now located at 526 St. Paul Place,

Baltimore 2, Maryland. His phone is Saratoga 75870.

If you are in Atlanta, I hope that you will make a point of coming by the office. I look forward to our building some line of communication that will be of mutual aid without burdening anyone. Give my regards to Tartt, please.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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January 28, 1957

Mayes Behrman
Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mayes Behrman:

George Mitchell having left duty status on January 15th, I am replying to the business part of your letter of January 18th. You may be hearing from George as well.

It's true that Phil Hammer, through his economic consultant firm, did a study for us -- not of manpower resources, but of Southern industrialization between 1946 and 1955. He collected county-by-county data on new plants, by number of employees, type, and in some cases ownership. We're presently exploring several alternative plans of further analysis and publication. It's possible that a further study -- by another organization -- of the manpower implication will result.

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I will give you the word as soon as we know something definite. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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January 18, 1957

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

HCF

This guy BTartt Bell tells me youse is havin' a gentleman by the name of Phil Hammer write a book for the Council on "the problems of manpower resources".

BTartt suggests that I ask you when this document will be available for the general public, one whom I am which.

George, we are mighty sorry, if the grapevine is correct, that you are about to relocate where we are likely to see you much less often.

The young ladies in the office say, "when you get to Scotland be sure to give me another joke, if you happen to call by long distance".

With kindest personal regards and every good wish for you and yours,

Cordially,

Mayes

Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program

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June 18, 1958

Mr. Mayes Behrman
Box 33
Brasstown, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

You slipped away from Atlanta without getting the materials I promised you. I am sending it to you separately. The Congressional record reprint serves as a good PR piece.

I believe the annual report is the best interpretive job yet done on SRC's program.

And I told Adlai, "If I had unlimited funds..."

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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Enclosures: New York Times, Congressional Record

Phone:
Ve. 7-2828

December 9, 1959

Mr. Mayes Behrman
P. O. Box 33
Brasstown, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

My apologies for not reporting to you sooner, but my first two days back in the office have been hopelessly frenetic.

I am returning separately, first-class, the wealth of impressive materials which I finally succeeded in prizing loose from the Commodore last week. They were very useful to me in describing the project to the principals of the Taconic Foundation. In order that they and their other board members, whom I didn't see, might consider further, I left with them the carbon copy of your overall account of the program. I trust you have other copies and can spare this one; it will be returned eventually.

The description of the project engendered a good deal of interest, and I am hopeful that the end result will be a significant contribution. How long it will take for the wheels to turn and a decision to be reached, I can't predict; as you know, foundations are frustratingly slow, and this one is no exception. I will be in continuing touch with them, however, and will do all I can to hasten the process. You can be sure that I will keep you fully posted and will advise you at once when and if a further step is called for.

Meanwhile, please keep me advised of developments on other fronts, including the reaction of Max Hahn and the Field Foundation. And be of good cheer and hopeful mien.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Mr. Mayes Behrman
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

I have good use for two or three copies of your manuscript on how to put people on. If you can send me two or three pronto, I would be grateful. Need them by Wednesday. I won't get you in trouble and the cause will be advanced.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab